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## Editorial

Welcome to the latest issue of NEXUS Magazine. First up, if you don't want to hear about September 11, then skip this editorial. If I don't address this subject, I will get zillions of emails asking why. Plus, I want to get this off my chest anyhow.

As you can imagine, we have been inundated with correspondence and material on the events before, during and after September 11. Strangely enough, on the Tuesday night I was in a hotel room in Sydney and was actually watching the initial footage on CNN as they focused on the first WTC tower fire. CNN was just getting reports that maybe a helicopter had collided with the tower, causing the explosion and fire. As I watched the amazing sight of the first tower on fire, I noticed a plane in the background, about to fly behind the second tower. It never came past; instead, a fireball mushroomed out of the second tower. It took a little time before the reporter realised what they'd captured on film.

This happened three days before our annual NEXUS Conference was due to start, and as a result nearly half of our speakers were stranded in the USA, unable to fly anywhere. We have now rescheduled the Conference for May 25–26, 2002. See our website or the advert in this issue for information.

I note with trepidation that the gulf between the manufactured reality presented in the mainstream media and the actual facts of the events is widening at an alarming pace. In the "alternative" media world, I notice that many researchers are uncovering the following:

- There was a build-up of anti-Taliban media items before September 11, including the item mentioned in Global News last issue which revealed that *60 Minutes* had broadcast a (deliberately?) incorrect translation in their beat-up on Islamic suicide bombers.

- There was a considerable number of big-name companies trading stocks, shares and put options on the foreknowledge of the WTC event, especially in the airline sector.

- It was widely known in India before September that the US was planning to attack the Taliban in October.

- There is still only vague circumstantial evidence as to who is responsible for the attacks. We have to rely on the CIA, FBI, etc. telling us the truth. This is difficult, given the vested oil interests of Bush and Cheney as well as the UK in that part of the world. There is enough oil in the Caspian Sea region to last hundreds of years at our present rate of consumption, according to some estimates.

- Evidence suggests that the bin Ladens and the Bush/Cheneys have done much business together, and that American, British and Pakistani intelligence helped create and train both Taliban and associated "terrorist/freedom fighter" networks such as al-Qaeda.

- There is evidence to suggest that the hijackers themselves may have been hijacked. The planes could have been remote-controlled, but this implies a high-level "inside job". Many pilots refuse to believe the alleged hijackers were capable of flying the craft in the manner they were flown. Even the FBI says 11 of the 19 hijackers did not plan on suicide.

Regardless of who, what or why, September 11 has become a "trigger" event for things to come. Many consider Big Brother has taken one big step closer, with the loss of civil liberties and increased "big brother" technology, surveillance and police powers upon us. Suddenly, huge volumes of "anti-terror" laws are found drafted, ready for government approval. More ominously, the weaponisation of space is taking a significant step forward under the guise of "national security" (watch this one!).

Other points of view sent to NEXUS Magazine include reminders that humanity has an opportunity to learn from this tragedy so that it never happens again. Learn not to hate, but to love. Learn what our governments are doing in foreign countries in our name, and thus why hatred of the West is growing.

One thing I have learned and seen for myself is that this "hatred of the West" exists not because we are "free" (which is questionable anyway), but it exists because our governments and military help transnational corporations rape other countries, leaving their people to live in horrific conditions. If the people dare stand up and object, they are "destabilised" (read "bombed") by the West or by their neighbours, or by some other budding puppet dictator inside their own country. We elect these governments, we buy the products from these transnationals, and then we wonder why millions of people want to stand up and say, "Stop this, please!"

And if bin Laden's terrorists did fly those planes, how is President George W. Bush now any different, given that he is also killing innocent civilians? How sad it is that the West's official response to "terror" is more terror. Is this what we want to teach our children? I think not!

Sigh...I've run out of room again! Apart from asking you to read the other articles in this issue, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

Duncan

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# Letters to the Editor ...

## A Coconut Cover-up?

I have been downloading many of your articles for over one year now and I find most of them great reading. I am especially interested in Mary Enig's many articles on the coconut. I am the Executive Director of the Papua New Guinea Growers' Association, based in Rabaul, and I am also the President of the East New Britain Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The former is a lobby group of farmers (both plantation and small village farmers) specifically involved in growing commercial crops for export, in particular copra (dried coconut for oil extraction) and cocoa.

Over the last many years the soybean and canola lobby of the USA has virtually destroyed our potential overseas markets and consumers by telling them that the coconut and its oil "will kill you" and also wrongfully telling them that soy and canola will save their lives. Australia has a nutritionist, Rosemary Stanton, whom I suspect works also for the US lobby as she continually tells readers of the Australian *Woman's Day* and TV viewers of *Burke's Backyard* that you must not eat coconuts.

It is good to see the (scientific) truth come out at last. Surely millions of healthy Pacific Islanders cannot be wrong. Heart disease was virtually unknown in the Pacific until people started to eat Western-type food. I guess we should thank the soybean lobby and the Heart Foundation of the USA and Australia for helping to destroy (in many cases) the only income source for millions of people in the Pacific by promoting these lies so that the fat corporate cats in the so-called developed world can get fatter!

Thank you, and keep it up. It is good to see someone is prepared to report truth. I am telling everyone about the website.

Regards,

David W Loh, Papua New Guinea, davidloh@global.net.pg

## More TV "Mistranslations"

I was interested to read in the latest NEXUS an example of a TV interview "mistranslating" what the person being interviewed actually said ("*60 Minutes* Falsified Hamas Leader's Comments"), because a similar thing occurred recently on BBC television.

In a program covering the emergence of extreme right-wing politics in Europe, the leader of the French National Front party was interviewed. It wasn't a "hidden camera" situation, but one which all parties knew was being recorded.

Charged that he was racist, Le Pen constantly denied this, saying that he was simply against immigration, which was an altogether different issue. Pressed on the point by the interviewer, however, he finally said in some exasperation (in French), "What should I do, then, to prove I am not a racist? Marry a black woman?", which, on the accompanying subtitles, was translated as, "What do you want me to do then? Marry a nigger?"

The BBC totally ignored my letter of complaint, but, as odious as I find this man's politics, such underhand tactics simply cannot be allowed to go unchecked. Also, as an astute politician, knowing full well he was being filmed for a program which would go out on BBC television, would he be so daft as to actually *say* that, even if that's perhaps what he was thinking?

That I, as a left-wing libertarian, should have to demand fair-play for a neo-fascist shows just how morally decadent Western politics has now become.

Sincerely, Dave G, Sheffield, United Kingdom, dave@deep-soul.freereserve.co.uk

## Computer Viruses & Pine Gap

Dear Duncan: I received an anonymous email with a virus attached, but my anti-virus software managed to stop and delete it. The virus was (khaamhkh.exe i-worm/ hybrid).

I was speaking to a computer security expert about it, who also received an anonymous email, who exclaimed that it is near impossible—unless you have very sophisticated equipment (like the NSA)—*not* to have a return email address.

The header of the email, however, had some traces of its whereabouts. It used the ISP network called TPG. Not that I blame them for the virus attack, but I was shocked by where this virus apparently came from. I used a tracer software, Neotrace, which found the co-ordinates from where the virus originated. The direct link is as follows: server noo-56k-154.tpgi.com.au (202.7.216.154); location 24.90°S, 133.00°E.

A map revealed this grid point to be near Pine Gap in central Australia.

According to the book *Monitor*, by Simon Davies, "on 9th December 1969 an agreement was signed by Paul Hasluck, Australian Minister for External Affairs, and an official of the American Embassy for the construction and maintenance of a communications interception and SIGINT (signals intelligence) facility 18 km southwest of Alice Springs. The facility was pitched to the public as a 'joint exercise' but in reality was controlled exclusively by the NSA."

A quick visit to TPG's website ([www.tpg.com.au](http://www.tpg.com.au)) shows: "TPG Network had its origins in the federally funded CSIRONET project, commenced in 1969. This project's Australia-wide network and Australian-developed packet switches were subsequently used by Federal and State Government bodies around Australia."

My late father worked for six months under contract at Pine Gap in the early 1970s as a crane driver. He swore under oath not to reveal any details, but he did say to me once, "My God, they have a hell of a lot of equipment; I've never seen so much equip-

ment", and he told me that there was enough room for a large underground city with multiple levels, with links across Australia to other cities.

Reminds me of something like out of the movie *The Andromeda Strain*.

Rei S., Sydney, Australia

## Aspartame Danger Awareness

Aspartame affected my life indirectly. I believe, as time progressed, I did end up ingesting products containing aspartame; however, my problem with its use was my son. He is now nearly four years old. I am positive aspartame was the cause of nearly all his symptoms.

Our problems started just shortly after I began weaning him onto solids and non-milk drinks. He suddenly became very congested and, as time progressed, the congestion worsened until approximately five months later I had to rush him to the hospital with breathing difficulties and choking. I was told it was milk and asthma, and that it was food additives and smoking related.

In view of this information, I radically altered our lifestyle and diet. Yet, the problem continued. My son had a very select diet that was costing me an absolute fortune. Yet, the problems continued and worsened!

My son very rarely had a good and full night's sleep, and ultimately neither did I. As a single parent working full-time as a staff nurse, I'm sure you can imagine how stressful the situation was becoming. The number of times I was called away from work because my son was ill at nursery went into double figures. He was having febrile episodes, with temperatures hitting 40 degrees as flat as a pancake, and eyes rolling over the top of his head. The doctors at our surgery I'm sure were sick of the sight of me. But no one could give a clear and precise reason for these episodes.

# ... more Letters to the Editor

**NB: Please keep letters to approx. 150 to 250 words in length. Ed.**

The amount of antibiotics and medicines he was prescribed was disgusting. My son had a whole variety of symptoms; some people suggested he had diabetes, autism and even ADHD. He had temper tantrums (oh my God, did he ever), nightmares, night sweats and urticaria (rashes). He wouldn't eat when he was really ill and unwell, so I would encourage him to drink plenty of very dilute juices. He would drink gallons. I am not naming any manufacturers in case this is not allowed by the web page. But all you parents out there will undoubtedly be pouring them down not only your children's throats but your own, too.

*Please read the ingredients label on all foods and drinks—before you buy.* It could and most probably will *save your life*. How do I know this? I've been there and survived. Thankfully.

My sister, earlier this year (2001) asked if I was giving Alan drinks with aspartame in it. I was astonished at how many products contained this "poison" (that is what we now call it).

I immediately began reading every label of all the food and drink I would normally buy and take at face value as advertised as being good for my son, with low or no added sugars.

Now, as I said, that was earlier this year; May, to be exact. It is now September, and I have this lovely little boy who now has none of his symptoms. He looks healthy, he sleeps all night, eats well, drinks plenty of milk and juice, he plays well and socialises well. He has no problems with congestion, has minimal problems with asthma and has no more febrile episodes. This has been achieved through reading labels and cutting out all aspartame-containing products. The difference is remarkable.

There were no doctors or any health care practitioners involved, and, I am very pleased to say, *no medicines*.

Please remember, aspartame is

an excitotoxin which acts as a stimulant. Now tell me, how many children do you know who need to be given a stimulant?

May I also add that this is my, or should I say *our*, experience with aspartame and, yes, it does also affect adults whether directly or indirectly.

I eventually had to leave work at the beginning of the year, with depression, as I had hardly slept for longer than three hours at a time in over two years. As Alan's health has improved, so has mine. Who would have thought that removing one ingredient from his diet could make such a difference?

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope it helps you understand how dangerous aspartame is. Believe in yourself and your instincts, not in some bureaucrats who only want to make a profit. They are worse than drug dealers—at least with them, you know what they are selling is dangerous.

A note for all victims of aspartame (NutraSweet, Equal, etc.) who have suffered seizures, brain tumours, blindness or eye problems, please get in touch with Betty Martini, Mission Possible International, 9270 River Club Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097, USA, tel +1 770 242 2599, email Bettym19@mind-spring.com. For more information, go to [www.dorway.com](http://www.dorway.com).

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## Glaxo Guinea Pigs

I'm so irritated at having conversations with so-called educated people who regurgitate newspaper and televised news stories without even stopping to consider that the people who are feeding them that crap might possibly have an agenda of their own and interests to serve. (Since when have media moguls been anything other than money-makers?)

My latest interest is the questionable relationship between American pharmaceutical mono-

liths and the Australian Government. Why is the government offering smokers a discount on the drug called Zyban, to help them quit smoking, when they themselves (that is, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals) admit that they don't know how the drug (bupropion hydrochloride) even works! Sounds like clinical testing to me. Go to their site for information on this drug and you are met with a series of dots: <http://www.glaxowellcome.com/pi/zyban.pdf> (although admittedly, information on the drug can be located under a different product name).

A number of news stories on commercial Australian television programs sing the praises of new American drugs (untested on humans) that supposedly have miracle cures. No mention is made of the long-as-your-arm list of side-effects. What is this? Are they recruiting guinea pigs?

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## Entrenched Suppression

Corruption, with its twin, conspiracy, would have to be the worst crimes imaginable. They are the inseparable pair which allow all other crimes to flourish. They undermine what we all would like to think of as "justice" and, when found, should be dealt with swiftly and severely.

Raymond Hoser, author of several books detailing corruption, is now facing charges which can only be described as scandalous. The accuracy of his books has been confirmed by Victoria's new police chief, yet "truth" is not considered a valid defence for bringing the court into disrepute. A case of shooting the messenger.

My interest in the matter arises from a dispute I had some years ago with Australia's largest insurer. It left me with irrefutable evidence that they lied in court and that the judge was, at best, unbelievably

incompetent. The actual facts were ignored so blatantly that our then MHR raised the issue in Parliament. Even then, nobody wanted to know.

When Hoser deals with "bought" witnesses and corrupt judiciary, it exactly fits my case. In total, it convinced me that pure evil exists, and the legal fraternity is home to it.

If you believe we deserve better, do something constructive. Contact your local MPs, demand an explanation of why Hoser is being charged, why no action is taken against the corrupt. Read his latest book, visit his website at [www.smuggled.com](http://www.smuggled.com) and, most importantly, pass this knowledge on.

Ted Gaida, Australia

## The Lies of September 11

Who could possibly ever benefit from the vicious and brutal attacks of September 11? Let's see: (1) international bankers will be making hundreds of billions in new loans; (2) the arms dealers are going to have a field day; (3) Ariel Sharon and friends are jumping for joy because any nation that does not blindly support Israel could be targeted by America; (4) the CIA, FBI, NSA and Delta Force are all going to have significantly increased budgets and authority; and (5) the mega-corporations are going to gain further access to the huge oil and gas reserves of the Caspian Sea.

Behind-the-scenes political events are moving at warp speed. At the same time, there is objective and meaningful information concerning this series of events that most Americans and Australians are not aware of because the predominant media are controlled by the plutocracy.

Unless we, as conscious people, awaken to the matrix of lies, we will see further transfers of power to the so-called "elite" and a loss of our rights.

Sincerely, George Humphrey,  
Austin, Texas, USA

## SERIOUS BLUNDER OVER BSE BRAINS STUDY

Scientists at Edinburgh's prestigious Animal Health Institute have been under pressure to resign after it emerged that a five-year study into BSE in sheep was wasted because they studied cattle brains, not sheep brains.

The spectacular blunder, which went unnoticed for five years, now means that the study to determine whether BSE has spread to the national sheep flock is worthless.

The blunder only came to light when samples of the brain material were sent to the Laboratory of the Government Chemist for DNA analysis.

It means that results from the study, which took five years and cost £217,000, are "completely uninterpretable", according to Professor Peter Smith, Chairman of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC).

(Source: The Scotsman, October 20, 2001, [www.thescotsman.co.uk](http://www.thescotsman.co.uk))

## CHENEY MADE MILLIONS FROM OIL DEALS WITH IRAQ

During former Defense Secretary Richard Cheney's five-year tenure as Chief Executive of Halliburton, Inc., his oil services firm raked in big bucks from dubious commercial dealings with Iraq.

Cheney left Halliburton with a US\$34 million retirement package in July 2000 when he became the GOP's [Grand Old



Party's] Vice Presidential candidate.

Of course, US firms aren't generally supposed to do business with Saddam Hussein. But thanks to legal loopholes large enough to steer an oil tanker through, Halliburton profited big-time from deals with the Iraqi dictatorship. Conducted discreetly through several Halliburton subsidiaries in Europe, these greasy transactions helped Saddam Hussein retain his grip on power, while lining the pockets of Cheney and company.

According to the *Financial Times* of London, between September 1988 and winter 1999 Cheney, as CEO of Halliburton, oversaw US\$23.8 million of business contracts for the sale of oil-

industry equipment and services to Iraq through two of its subsidiaries, Dresser Rand and Ingersoll-Dresser Pump, which helped rebuild Iraq's war-damaged petroleum production infrastructure. The combined value of these contracts exceeded those of any other US company doing business with Baghdad.

(Source: San Francisco Bay Guardian, November 13, 2000)

## RESULTS OF SOY FORMULA STUDY MISREPORTED

Experts dispute the findings of a recent study on soy infant formula, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (August 15, 2001) and widely reported in the press as a vindication of soy formula. The research team, headed by Dr Brian L. Strom, called

the results "reassuring", but other scientists disagree with this conclusion.

Dr Mary Enig, President of the Maryland Nutritionists Association, points out that the researchers found higher rates of reproductive disorders, asthma and allergies in those who had received soy formula as infants.

"This is in line with a number of reports in the scientific literature," said Dr Enig. "The research team glossed over negative findings and omitted them from the abstract and conclusions, noting only that women who had been fed soy formula reported slightly longer duration of menstrual bleeding and greater discomfort with menstruation."

Other gynaecological problems, which were omitted from the main body of the report, include higher rates of cervical cancer, polycystic ovarian syndrome, blocked fallopian tubes, pelvic inflammatory disease and hormonal disorders.

In addition, although the study did not specifically determine thyroid function, soy-fed females reported higher rates of sedentary activity and use of weight-loss medicines, thus adding new evidence to numerous scientific reports of soy-induced thyroid problems.

The soy formula study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the International



Formula Council and was carried out under the auspices of the Fomon Infant Nutrition Unit at the University of Iowa. The Unit is supported by the major formula manufacturers Ross Products Division of Abbot Laboratories, Nestlé and Mead Johnson Nutritionals.

Dr Samuel Fomon played an important role in the development of soy infant formula. Early promotional efforts for soy formula described it as "better than breast milk".

(Source: *The Weston A. Price Foundation*, September 6, 2001, [www.westonaprice.org](http://www.westonaprice.org))

## KEY LOCKERBIE EVIDENCE IGNORED FOR 12 YEARS

The destruction of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie was the biggest mass murder in British history.

You might have thought it would lead to the most intense, careful investigation.

Yet in early September it was reported in the London *Mirror* that a vital piece of evidence has been ignored for 12 years. A break-in was discovered at the terminal where the luggage for that flight was stored.

Senior security guard Ray Manly says it was the most serious breach in his 17 years at Heathrow. And it happened less than 18 hours before Flight 103 took off.

This should have been at the top of the investigators' list. Instead, Mr Manly's statement was "lost"; so, too, was the padlock, which had been professionally cut.

This reeks of incompetence—or something much more sinister. It certainly throws into doubt the one conviction secured at the £66-million trial in the Netherlands.

(Source: *The Mirror*, London, September 11, 2001)

## PENTAGON STOPS PUBLIC ACCESS TO SATELLITE IMAGES

The Pentagon has spent millions of dollars to prevent the public from seeing civilian satellite pictures of the effects of the bombing in Afghanistan. The images, taken by the company Space Imaging from *Ikonos*, an advanced private satellite launched in 1999, are the best available to civilians.

The decision to shut down access to the images was taken on October 11, after reports of heavy civilian casualties from the overnight bombing of training camps near Darunta, northwest of Jalalabad.

Instead of invoking its legal powers to exercise "shutter control" over civilian satellites launched from the US, the Pentagon bought exclusive rights to all *Ikonos* pictures of Afghanistan.

The US military does not need the pictures for its own purposes, because it already has seven imaging satellites in orbit. The decision to use commercial rather than legal powers to bar access to the images probably means that those legal powers might not, and probably would not, stand up to a First Amendment challenge in the courts.

The only alternative source of satellite images is the Russian *Cosmos* system. But Russia has not yet decided to step into the information void created by the Pentagon deal with Space Imaging.

(Source: *The Guardian*, London, October 17, 2001, [www.newsunlimited.co.uk](http://www.newsunlimited.co.uk))

## GLOBAL COMMAND EXPECTED IN WAR ON TERRORISM

United States Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is considering creation of a "global command" to fight a lengthy "war on terrorism"—a sure sign that the Pentagon is contemplating covert combat in countries other than Afghanistan.

Administration officials say Mr Rumsfeld has met several times with General Charles R. Holland, who heads the US Special Operations Command, about forming a global command at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

Giving General Holland, or another

four-star officer, command of the anti-terrorism war would avoid shifting responsibility from commander to commander as anti-terror operations move from region to region. The principal war-fighting commanders, known as commanders-in-chief, or cincs, are assigned their own turf, such as Pacific or European command.

The Bush administration is in the early stages of discussing covert intelligence operations or actions by US commandos or their foreign surrogates around the world. These actions likely would not come until President Bush meets his first objective: ousting the ruling Taliban in Afghanistan and eliminating Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda network.

The locations include a tri-border area of Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil; Iraq; and the Philippines.

"This is a global war on terrorism and weapons of mass destruction," General Richard B. Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told ABC this week. "I think this is going to be a long, hard-fought conflict. And it will be global in scale... And the fact that it could last several years or many years, or maybe our lifetimes, would not surprise me."

(Source: *The Washington Times*, October 23, 2001, [www.washtimes.com](http://www.washtimes.com))

## LAW FIRMS UNITED IN ACTION OVER VACCINE DAMAGE

A coalition of more than 35 firms filed class action lawsuits at the beginning of October against the world's leading



"This is just speculative, Mum, but if World War III does happen, how about I get the next ten years' pocket money right now?"

## A TIMELINE TO THE TERROR BEFORE AND AFTER SEPTEMBER 11

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This incomplete timeline, listing crucial events before and after the September 11 suicide attacks which have been blamed on Osama bin Laden, establishes CIA foreknowledge of them and strongly suggests there was criminal complicity on the part of the US Government in their execution. It also makes clear that the events which have taken place since September 11 are based upon an agenda that has little to do with the attacks.

- **1998 and 2000** – Former President George H. W. Bush travels to Saudi Arabia on behalf of the privately owned Carlyle Group, the 11th largest defence contractor in the US. While there, he meets privately with the Saudi royal family and the bin Laden family. [Source: *Wall Street Journal*, September 27, 2001. See also *FTW*, vol. iv, no. 7, "The Best Enemies Money Can Buy", [www.copvcia.com/members/carlyle.html](http://www.copvcia.com/members/carlyle.html).]

- **February 13, 2001** – UPI terrorism correspondent Richard Sale, while covering a trial of bin Laden's al-Qaeda followers, reports that the US National Security Agency has broken bin Laden's encrypted communications. Even if this indicates that bin Laden changed systems in February, it does not mesh with the fact that the government insists that the attacks had been planned for years.

- **May 2001** – US Secretary of State Colin Powell gives US\$43 million in aid to the Taliban regime, purportedly to assist farmers who are starving following the destruction of their opium crop in January on the orders of the Taliban regime. [Source: *Los Angeles Times*, May 22, 2001].

- **May 2001** – Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, a career covert operative and former Navy Seal, travels to India on a publicised tour, while CIA Director George Tenet makes a quiet visit to Pakistan to meet with leader General Pervez Musharraf. Armitage has long and deep Pakistani intelligence connections and is the recipient of the highest civil decoration awarded by Pakistan. Tenet, in what was described as "an unusually long meeting", also met with his Pakistani counterpart Lt-General Mahmud Ahmad, head of the ISI. [Source: SAPRA news agency, India, May 22, 2001]

- **June 2001** – German intelligence, the BND, warns the CIA and Israel that Middle Eastern terrorists are "planning to hijack commercial aircraft to use as weapons to attack important symbols of American and Israeli culture". [Source: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, September 14, 2001]

- **July 2001** – Three American officials—Tom Simmons (former US Ambassador to Pakistan), Karl Inderfurth (former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs) and Lee Coldren (former State Department expert on South Asia)—meet with Taliban representatives in Berlin and tell them that the US is planning military strikes against Afghanistan in October. Also present are Russian and German intelligence officers who confirm the threat. [Sources: *Guardian*, September 22, 2001; BBC, September 18, 2001]

- **Summer 2001** – According to a September 26 story in Britain's *Guardian*, correspondent David Leigh reported that: "US Department of Defense official Dr Jeffrey Starr visited Tajikistan in January. The *Guardian*'s Felicity Lawrence established that US Rangers were also training special troops in Kyrgyzstan. There were unconfirmed reports that Tajik and Uzbek special troops were training in Alaska and Montana."

- **Summer 2001** (approx.) – Pakistan's ISI chief General Mahmud orders an aide to wire-transfer US\$100,000 to Mohammed Atta, who, according to the FBI, was the lead terrorist in the suicide hijackings. Mahmud recently resigned after the transfer was disclosed in India and confirmed by the FBI. [Source: *Times of India*, October 11, 2001]

- **Summer 2001** – An Iranian man phones US law enforcement to warn of an imminent attack on the World Trade Center in the week of September 9. German police confirm the calls but state that the US Secret Service would not reveal any further information. [Source: German news agency "online.ie", September 14, 2001]

- **Summer 2001** – Russian intelligence notifies the CIA that 25 terrorist pilots have been specifically training for suicide missions. This is reported in the Russian press, and news stories are translated for *FTW* by a retired CIA officer.

- **July 4–14, 2001** – Osama bin Laden receives treatment for kidney disease at the American Hospital in Dubai and meets with a CIA official in his suite at the hospital, at a time when he was a wanted fugitive for the bombings of two US embassies and the USS *Cole*. Yet on July 14, bin Laden was allowed to leave Dubai on a private jet, and the CIA official returned to CIA headquarters on July 15. [Source: *Le Figaro*, Paris, October 31, 2001]

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pharmaceutical companies for mercury-related brain damage predicted by vaccine critics for years. Government and industry officials have overlooked or ignored mercury and other troublesome vaccine ingredients that critics contend will be the subject of future cancer and immune disease lawsuits. Thousands of injured infants, children and teens across the United States could have been saved, experts say, if officials had simply examined the facts.

Ingri Cassel, a founding member of the national association Vaccination Liberation ([www.vaclib.org](http://www.vaclib.org)), said: "Since our warnings about mercury in vaccines and other toxic ingredients yet to be removed, such as aluminum phosphate and formaldehyde, have been consistently ignored by our pharmaceutical lobby-influenced leaders in government, suing the manufacturers directly appears to be one of the only solutions left."

(Source: *News Release No. EV-66*, October 4, 2001, *Tetrahedron Publishing Group*, USA, [www.tetrahedron.org](http://www.tetrahedron.org))

## MAMMOGRAMS NO LONGER RECOMMENDED AS SAFE

More validation of Sherrill Sellman's *Marticle*, "Breast Cancer: Detection or Deception?" (see NEXUS 8/03), appeared in the news recently. Mammography screening for breast cancer does *not* prevent deaths and should *not* be recommended, according to an exhaustive international review by high-ranking researchers.

This Danish paper is a revision of a review published two years ago, which also concluded that mammography is unjustified. The methods it used have been criticised by some as unreliable. This time, however, the Danish investigators conducted their research using a method designed by the Cochrane Collaboration, an international group whose evaluations of medical treatments are viewed by most doctors as definitive statements of their value. But Cochrane refused to publish the report unless the authors made changes.

The original version was published in *The Lancet* (October 20), with a blistering commentary from the editor Dr Richard Horton, in which he condemned Cochrane for interference that "erodes academic freedom". Dr Horton endorsed the Danish researchers' conclusions on mammography screening.

(Source: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, October 20, 2001)



## DRUG FIRMS ACCUSED OF DISTORTING RESEARCH

Thirteen of the world's leading medical journals have mounted an outspoken attack on the rich and powerful drug companies, accusing them of distorting the results of scientific research for the sake of profits.

The *Lancet*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and other major journals accuse the drug giants of using their money—or the threat of its removal—to tie up academic researchers with legal contracts so that they are unable to report freely and fairly on the results of drug trials.

The editors say that a study produced for publication may be skewed in the interests of the pharmaceutical company, which hopes to make big profits from a new drug.

Academic scientists have little choice but to accept the restrictions imposed on them, the editors say, because they know that the funding they need for research would otherwise go to the increasing number of private contract research organisations. Those organisations last year in the USA received 60 per cent of the research grants handed out by pharmaceutical companies.

The editors intend to take action by requiring all authors to disclose details of their own and the sponsoring pharmaceutical company's roles in the study.

(Source: *The Guardian, London, September 10, 2001*)

## PROTESTS OVER AFGHANISTAN WAR GO UNREPORTED

They took to the streets. They raised their voices. On October 27, tens of thousands of people in 75 cities all across the United States and Europe protested the bombing of the people of Afghanistan.

They demanded an end to the frenzy of racist profiling. And they stood shoulder to shoulder to defend the most basic civil liberties that are being stripped away.

And as they demonstrated, they were forging a bond with those in more than 40 cities in 20 other countries who were carrying out similar protests at the same time.

Watching television or reading the newspapers could lead anyone in the US or around the world to believe that there is virtually no popular opposition to the war in Afghanistan—but there is!

(Source: *Workers World News Service, November 8, 2001, www.workers.org*)

- **August 2001** – The FBI arrests an Islamic militant linked to bin Laden in Boston. French intelligence sources confirm that the man is a key member of bin Laden's network, and the FBI learns that he has been taking flying lessons. At the time of his arrest, the man is in possession of technical information on Boeing aircraft as well as flying manuals. [Source: Reuters, September 13, 2001]

- **August 2001** – Russian President Vladimir Putin orders Russian intelligence to warn the US Government "in the strongest possible terms" of imminent attacks on airports and government buildings. [Source: MS–NBC interview with Putin, September 15, 2001]

- **August–September 2001** – The Dow Jones industrial average drops nearly 900 points in the three weeks prior to the attacks. A major stock market crash is imminent.

- **September 3–10, 2001** – MS–NBC reports on September 16 that a caller to a Cayman Islands radio talk show gave several warnings of an imminent attack on the US by bin Laden in the week prior to September 11.

- **September 1–10, 2001** – 25,000 British troops and the largest British armada since the Falkland Islands War, part of Operation *Essential Harvest*, are pre-positioned in and off Oman, the closest point on the Arabian Peninsula to Pakistan. At the same time, two US carrier battle groups arrive on station in the Gulf of Arabia. Also at the same time, some 17,000 US troops join more than 23,000 NATO troops in Egypt for Operation *Bright Star*. All of these forces are in place before the first plane hits the World Trade Center. [Sources: *The Guardian*, CNN, Fox News, *The Observer*, International Law Professor Francis Boyle, University of Illinois]

- **September 6–7, 2001** – 4,744 put options (speculation that the stock will go down) are purchased on United Airlines stock, as opposed to only 396 call options (speculation that the stock will go up). This is a dramatic and abnormal increase in sales of put options. Many of the UAL puts are purchased through Deutschebank/A.B. Brown, a firm managed until 1998 by the current Executive Director of the CIA, A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard. [Source: The Herzliya International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism, September 21, 2001, <http://www.ict.org.il/>; *New York Times*; *Wall Street Journal*]

- **September 10, 2001** – 4,516 put options are purchased on American Airlines as compared to 748 call options. [Source: ICT, as above, [www.ict.org.il](http://www.ict.org.il/)]

- **September 6–11, 2001** – No other airlines show any similar trading patterns to those experienced by United and American. The put option purchases on both airlines were 600% above normal. This at a time when Reuters issues a business report on September 10, stating, "Airline stocks may be poised to take off".

- **September 6–10, 2001** – Highly abnormal levels of put options are purchased in Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, AXA Re(insurance), which owns 25% of American Airlines, and Munich Re. All of these companies are directly impacted by the September 11 attacks. [Sources: ICT, as above; *FTW*, vol. iv, no. 7, October 18, 2001, [www.copvicia.com/members/oct152001.html](http://www.copvicia.com/members/oct152001.html)]

- **September 11, 2001** – General Mahmud of the ISI (see above), friend of Mohammed Atta, is visiting Washington on behalf of the Taliban. [Source: MS–NBC, October 7]

- **September 11, 2001** – For 35 minutes, from 8.15 until 9.05 am, with it widely known within the FAA and the military that four planes have been simultaneously hijacked and taken off course, no one notifies the President of the United States. It is not until 9.30 am that any Air Force planes are scrambled to intercept. This means that the National Command Authority waited for 75 minutes before scrambling aircraft, even though it was known that four simultaneous hijackings had occurred—an event that has never happened in history. [Sources: CNN, ABC, MS–NBC, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*]

- **September 15, 2001** – The *New York Times* reports that Mayo Shattuck III has resigned, effective immediately, as head of the Alex (A.B.) Brown unit of Deutschebank.

- **October 10, 2001** – The Pakistani newspaper *The Frontier Post* reports that US Ambassador Wendy Chamberlain paid a call on Pakistan's oil minister. A previously abandoned Unocal pipeline from Turkmenistan, across Afghanistan to the Pakistani coast, for the purpose of selling oil and gas to China, is now back on the table "in view of recent geopolitical developments".

- **Mid-October 2001** – The Dow Jones industrial average, after having suffered a precipitous drop, has recovered most of its pre-attack losses. Although still weak and vulnerable to negative earnings reports, a crash has been averted by a massive infusion of government spending on defence programs, subsidies for "affected" industries and planned tax cuts for corporations.

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# AN OVERVIEW OF THE WAR ON TERRORISM

*As questions remain over the attacks of September 11, so too must questions be asked about the vested interests behind the US-led push for a war on terrorism.*

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*We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.*

— President John F. Kennedy

Americans are now beginning to pay the price for sleeping through history classes, ignoring important information in the alternative media and neglecting to participate in their own political process. They find themselves in a new war—the War on Terrorism. This is a war they never asked for and never envisioned, anaesthetised as we all are by the flickering tube of distraction. It is a war predicated on the premise that a sneak attack was made on the United States on September 11, 2001.

Unlike previous wars, there is no Berlin or Tokyo to capture and hence no victory to be won, except for those who profit from war. The real victims of this war will be the average American citizen, right along with the starving Afghan.

This new war might well be compared to the failed War on Drugs and the nearly forgotten War on Poverty. No clear victory has yet been achieved over the misuse of drugs or the ravages of poverty within our own nation. Our prisons are overflowing with drug offenders, with no appreciable lessening of either demand or supply of illegal drugs, and our basic civil rights have been badly mauled. Just like those failed campaigns, the War on Terrorism for the foreseeable future will set us all on a costly course of restrictions on individual freedom, ever more centralised authority and omnipresent fear.

And where are the voices of those who would argue the merits of this new war? The airwaves and newspapers only ratchet the fear factor upwards each day, with little or no effort to hear the many thoughtful Americans who are asking themselves, "Do I really need to give up my freedoms in order to save them?"

So with flags flying on the antennae of our gas-guzzling vehicles and love of country pulsing in our hearts, we march off to yet another war for oil.

## WARS FOR OIL

Yes, oil. Petroleum has been behind all recent wars, beginning in the early 1940s when a mostly rural and isolationist America was suddenly thrown into World War II as a reaction to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Americans mourned the loss of some 3,000 soldiers and civilians in Hawaii and, in righteous indignation, allowed their country to be turned into a giant military camp.

The Federal government, which had consolidated so much power unto itself under the Depression-busting policies of President Franklin Roosevelt, grew even stronger and more centralised under the aegis of "national security". It all seemed quite natural and necessary at the time.

But serious students of history now know that even that "good war" was the result of machinations by a handful of wealthy and powerful men. By closing off Japan's oil supplies in the summer of 1941, Roosevelt, the quintessential Wall Street insider, ensured an eventual attack on the United States. It has now been well established that Roosevelt and a few close advisers knew full well that Pearl Harbor would be attacked on December 7, 1941, but chose to allow it to happen to further their agenda for launching America into war. (The details of this may be found in my book, *Rule by Secrecy*.)

The Vietnam War was prosecuted by men who were close to Roosevelt and the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and who had long voiced a desire to gain control over Indochina's oil, magnesium and rubber assets. Again a provocation was created. In August 1964, President Lyndon Johnson whipped Congress into a frenzy by claiming that North Vietnamese gunboats had attacked the US Sixth Fleet in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam. "Our boys are floating in the water," he cried.

Congress responded by passing the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which bypassed the Constitution and gave Johnson the power to wage war to stop attacks on Americans. It was the beginning of the real-shooting Vietnam War.

And it was all a lie. No evidence has ever been brought forward that such an attack took place. In fact, editors for *US News & World Report* (July 23, 1984) called it "The 'Phantom Battle' that Led to War".

While America was waging war against North Vietnam, which we were told was merely a puppet of communist Russia and China, Johnson was encouraged by his CFR advisers to grant the Soviet Union loans at higher levels than offered during World War II when they were our ally. US-backed loans provided Russia with the means to build facilities which turned out war materials that were then sent to North Vietnam for use against American troops. This was a good example of the duplicity of our modern wars.

The Gulf War was all about oil, from the wells in Kuwait slant-drilling into Iraq's southern reserves to the destruction of the oilfields at its finish. Here we found a new Hitler in Saddam Hussein, an enemy armed and financed by the CIA—an agency whose top officials have long been connected to oilmen, CFR members and other globalists (see *Rule by Secrecy*).

Saddam Hussein, strapped for cash due to his eight-year war against Iran on behalf of the US, decided to regain Kuwait as a means of increasing his income. Kuwait had been carved out of southern Iraq by British troops. When asked her thoughts on this move, US Ambassador April Glaspie replied that the US Government had "no opinion" and that the matter of Kuwait was not associated with America. But when he moved his troops into Kuwait, President George H. W. Bush mobilised a United Nations force against him, backed by a US\$4 billion secret fund provided by his business associates in Saudi Arabia.

Yet, as those patriotic soldiers closed in on Saddam, the whole war stopped and George H. W. Bush's old business partner is still in power. It appears to have been yet another provocation. And as in Vietnam, even as we prepared to fight against Saddam, the American taxpayers backed \$500 million in loans that Bush used to purchase arms for use against our forces.

### CASPIAN SEA OIL COVETED

Today the real issue is the rich oil reserves of the Caspian Sea region—the prize sought by Hitler, whose drive to that area was stopped only by the tenacious Russian defence of the Volga River city of Stalingrad.

In the late 1970s, with the Soviet discovery of vast untapped oil in Chechnya, the region was ripe for exploitation but control over Afghanistan was needed to ensure the safety of a pipeline to bring the oil to world markets. But after almost 10 years of brutal, no-quarter fighting against Afghans and Arab mercenaries including Osama bin Laden, and backed by the US, the Soviets were forced to withdraw. The economic stress of this Russo–Afghan War was enough to topple communism in the early 1990s.

Now the international bankers and oilmen have a foothold in cash-strapped Russia, and the estimated \$40 billion in Caspian Sea oil is again attracting serious attention. In 1997, six international companies and the Government of Turkmenistan formed Central Asian Gas Pipeline Ltd (CentGas) to build a 790-mile-long pipeline to Pakistan and perhaps on to the New Delhi area of India. Leading this consortium was Unocal Corporation, whose president, John F. Imle, Jr, said the project would be "the foundation for a new commerce corridor for the region—often referred to as the Silk Road for the 21st century".

But problems developed with the fundamentalist Muslim government in Afghanistan, not the least of which was the Taliban government's treatment of women which prompted feminist demonstrations against firms seeking to do business there. Additionally, the Taliban regime was creating chaotic conditions by pitting the various Islamic sects against each other in order to maintain control. In mid-1999, Unocal withdrew from the pipeline consortium, citing the hazardous political situation, and the project languished.

Notice that in President George W. Bush's declaration of War on Terrorism, he never mentioned terrorists in Northern Ireland or Palestinian suicide bombers. Attention was focused only on Afghanistan, the one nation necessary to complete the lucrative pipeline.

It should also be noted that Vice President Dick Cheney headed Halliburton, a giant oil industry service company with vested interests in the region, and he is generally thought to be

more powerful than the President.

### AFGHAN ACTION PLANNED LONG AGO

Today it can be demonstrated that military action against Afghanistan was in the works long before the September 11 attacks.

As reported by the BBC's George Arney, former Pakistan Foreign Secretary Niaz Naik was alerted by American officials in mid-July that military action against Afghanistan would be launched by mid-October.

At a UN-sponsored meeting concerning Afghanistan in Berlin, Naik was informed that unless bin Laden were handed over, America would take military action either to kill or capture both him and Taliban leader Mullah Omar as the initial step in installing a new government there.

In a 1998 interview published in the French publication *Le Nouvel Observateur* (the significant portions of which never made it to the United States), former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski admitted that American activities in

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Afghanistan actually began six months prior to the Soviet action of December 1979.

Brzezinski said the Jimmy Carter administration began secretly funding opponents of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul in July 1979, with the full knowledge that such action might provoke a Soviet invasion. Soviet leaders at the time argued that the invasion was necessary to thwart American aggression in Afghanistan. The former National Security Adviser, who helped found the globalist Trilateral Commission, expressed no regret at this provocation, stating: "That secret operation was an excellent idea. It brought about the demoralization and finally the breakup of the Soviet empire." It also produced the Taliban regime which we are fighting today, as well as Osama bin Laden.

By 1984, with Vice President George Bush overseeing the Afghan situation, bin Laden was in charge of the Maktab al-Khidamat (MAK), which funnelled money, arms and manpower from the outside world into the war against the Soviets. He soon helped form a polyglot formation of Muslim troops from Egypt, Pakistan, Lebanon, Syria and Palestinian refugee camps, whom the CIA found easier to deal with than the Muslim fundamentalists in Afghanistan.

There should be considerable soul-searching about America's role in arming and training an international group of Muslim extremists in Afghanistan, long after their comrades destroyed the Marine barracks in Beirut and hijacked numerous airliners.

Little noticed in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks were reports that China had signed a pact with the Afghans and was quietly inducted into the controversial World Trade Organization—action which under normal circumstances would have drawn widespread protest. Although such a pact is unconfirmed at this time, Pakistani General Pervez Musharraf, chairman of their joint chiefs and chief of the Pakistani Army Staff, this year visited China at their request and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Although it is claimed that Pakistan is aiding the US in the current War on Terrorism, the State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism, Michael Sheehan, told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee that Pakistan supports and trains terrorist groups in Afghanistan.

This raises the spectre of Chinese intervention, should US forces become bogged down in mountainous Afghanistan. This prospect is particularly unsettling, as back in 1555 the French prophet Nostradamus, who has been proven correct in so many of his prophecies, published his prediction that America and Russia would go to war against a coalition made up of Arab nations and China (see C. III v. 60; also C. VI v. 21). Until just recently, such a notion seemed absurd.

### WOULD AMERICANS ATTACK AMERICANS?

The WTC/Pentagon attacks provided a convenient excuse to launch the pre-laid plans for military action against Afghanistan. But were they simply allowed to happen, or were they contrived? The question becomes: "Would any American allow an attack on fellow Americans, just to further his own business or political agenda?" The answer unfortunately appears to be "Yes".

Incredibly, 40-year-old government documents, thought to have been destroyed long ago but recently made public, show the US military in the early 1960s proposed making terrorist attacks in the United States and blaming them on Fidel Castro. They are discussed in a recent book on the National Security Agency (NSA), entitled *Body of Secrets: Anatomy of the Ultra-Secret National Security Agency*, by James Bamford [see Reviews this issue. Ed.].

These documents were produced beginning in late 1961, following the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba that spring. President John F. Kennedy, angered by the inept actions of the CIA, had shifted responsibility for Cuba from that agency to the Department of Defense. Here, military strategists considered plans to create terrorist actions

### MAJOR-GENERAL SMEDLEY BUTLER ON INTERVENTIONISM

War is just a racket. A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of people. Only a small inside group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few at the expense of the masses.

I believe in adequate defence at the coastline and nothing else. If a nation comes over here to fight, then we'll fight. The trouble with America is that when the dollar only earns six per cent over here, then it gets restless and goes overseas to get 100 per cent. Then the flag follows the dollar and the soldiers follow the flag.

I wouldn't go to war again, as I have done, to protect some lousy investment of the bankers. There are only two things we should fight for: one is the defence of our homes, and the other is the Bill of Rights. War for any other reason is simply a racket.

There isn't a trick in the racketeering bag that the military gang is blind to. It has its "finger men" to point out enemies, its "muscle men" to destroy enemies, its "brain men" to plan war preparations, and a "Big Boss": supernationalistic capitalism.

It may seem odd for me, a military man, to adopt such a comparison. Truthfulness compels me to. I spent thirty-three years and four months in active military service as a member of this country's most agile military force, the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from Second Lieutenant to Major-General. And during that period, I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and for the Bankers.

In short, I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism.

I suspected I was just part of a racket at the time. Now I am sure of it. Like all the members of the military profession, I never had a thought of my own until I left the service. My mental faculties remained in suspended animation while I obeyed the orders of higher-ups. This is typical with everyone in the military service.

I helped make Mexico, especially Tampico, safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefits of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909–1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. In China I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.

During those years, I had—as the boys in the back room would say—a swell racket. Looking back on it, I feel that I could have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents.

(Source: Excerpt from a speech delivered in 1933 by Major-General Smedley Butler, USMC.)

which would alarm the American population and stampede them into supporting a military attack on Cuba. Under consideration in Operation *Northwoods* were plans:

- to create "a series of well-coordinated incidents" in or around the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to include inciting riots and blowing up ammunition stores, aircraft and ships;
- to "develop a Communist Cuba terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington";
- to "sink a boatload of Cubans en route to Florida (real or simulated)...foster attempts on the lives of Cuban refugees in the United States";
- to explode bombs in carefully chosen locations and coordinate with the release of "prepared documents" pointing to Cuban complicity;
- to use fake Russian aircraft to harass civilian airliners;
- to make "hijacking attempts against civil air and surface craft", even to simulating the shooting down of a civilian airliner.

Kennedy rejected Operation *Northwoods* and senior military officers ordered the documents destroyed. But someone slipped up and the papers were discovered by the Assassination Records Review Board and recently released by the National Archives.

On a more recent event, *The New York Times* (October 28, 1993) reported that an informant named Emad Salem was involved early in 1993 with Middle Eastern terrorists connected to Osama bin Laden, to develop a bomb for use against New York's World Trade Center. Salem, a former Egyptian Army officer, wanted to substitute a harmless powder for the explosive, but his plan to thwart the attack was blocked by an FBI official who apparently did not want to expose the inside informant. The attack was allowed to proceed. The February 26, 1993 explosion in the WTC resulted in six deaths, more than 1,000 casualties, and damage in excess of half a billion dollars.

We now see that creating crises to further political goals was a methodology well understood and utilised in the 20th century. Is this the game today? Let's examine the September 11 attacks.

#### QUESTIONS OVER THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

Superficially, it all seemed straightforward enough. According to the official story, about 19 suicidal Middle Eastern terrorists, their hearts full of hatred for American freedom and democracy, hijacked four airliners, crashing two into the twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon. The fourth reportedly crashed in western Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to fight the terrorists.

But many disturbing questions have arisen. Among them:

- Why was the US military preparing war plans against Afghanistan months before the September 11 attacks? Were they just looking for some event to propel the normally disinterested American public into a war, as in the past?
- How could paper documents incriminating bin Laden be found intact at the WTC, but the planes' "black box" flight recorders—designed to withstand crashes—were damaged beyond use?
- Even days and weeks after the WTC attack, why were news cameramen prevented from photographing the ruins from certain

angles, as complained about by CBS correspondent Lou Young, who asked, "What are they afraid we're going to see?"

- Why has the NYPD liaison to the FBI been sent packing as a "security risk", as reported in the October 16 *New York Times*? Whose security is at risk? The FBI's? What is it that the Bureau does not want NYPD to know?

- How could an obviously sophisticated terrorist plan, involving perhaps as many as 100 persons and in the works for five years, escape the notice of our intelligence services, especially the FBI and CIA? And why, instead of cashiering those responsible for this intelligence failure and totally restructuring these agencies, are we doubling their budgets?

- Why did the WTC South Tower collapse first, when it was not as extensively damaged as the North Tower which burned for almost an hour and a half before collapsing?

- Why did many witnesses claim to hear further explosions within the buildings? And why did the destruction of the towers appear more like a controlled implosion than a tragic accident?

- Why did FBI Director Robert Mueller acknowledge that the list of named hijackers might not contain their real names? Doesn't everyone have to show a photo ID to claim a boarding pass? Where was the normal security?

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- Why was there a discrepancy of 35 names between the published passenger lists and the official death toll on all four of the ill-fated flights? Internet columnist Gary North reported that "the published names in no instance match the total listed for the number of people on board". Why the discrepancy?

- As none of these listed passengers had an Arabic-sounding name, how did the government know which ones were the hijackers?

- Why did the seat numbers of the hijackers, given in a cellphone call from Flight Attendant Madeline

Amy Sweeney to Boston Air Traffic Control, not match the seats occupied by the men the FBI claims were responsible?

- Since Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister claimed five of the proclaimed hijackers were not aboard the death planes and in fact are still alive, and a sixth man on that list was reported to be alive and well in Tunisia, why are these names still on the FBI list?

- Why were no names of the named hijackers on any of the passenger lists? If they all used aliases, how did the FBI identify them so quickly?

- Why did one of the named hijackers take luggage on a suicide flight, then leave it along with an incriminating note in his car at the airport?

- As for the overall investigation into the September attacks, by late October US authorities conceded that most of their promising leads for finding accomplices and some of their long-held suspicions about several suspects have unravelled, according to the *New York Times*. Since more than 800 people have been arrested and more than 365,000 tips have been received from the public, why has nothing substantial been forthcoming in the largest US criminal investigation in history?

- Why, of the nearly 100 people still being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is none seen as a major suspect?

- Why are we bombing Afghanistan, when apparently no listed hijackers were Afghans but instead Arabs from various Middle



Eastern nations? Since Iraq was implicated in the 1993 WTC attack, why are we not bombing that "rogue" nation?

- Why does the heavy drinking and searching for hookers by some of the hijackers in Boston, as reported by Reuters news service, sound more like mercenaries carousing before a mission than pious religious fundamentalists about to meet their maker?

- How did the terrorists obtain top-secret White House and Air Force One codes and signals—the excuse for hustling President Bush all across the country on September 11? Was this evidence of an inside job, or was it, as reported by Fox News, evidence that former FBI employee and double agent Robert Hanssen had delivered an updated version of the purloined Promis computer software to his Russian handlers who passed it along to bin Laden? Does this software, which was stolen from a US company during the Reagan administration by Justice Department officials under Attorney-General Ed Meese, allow outsiders *carte blanche entrée* to our top-security computers? (Hanssen's last job before being arrested as a spy was to upgrade the FBI's intelligence computer systems.)

- If United Airlines Flight 93 crashed as the result of a struggle between heroic passengers and the hijackers, why did witnesses tell of a second plane which followed it down, falling burning debris, no deep crater and crash wreckage spread over a six-mile area, indicative of an aerial explosion?

- Why did news outlets describe the throat-cutting and mutilation of passengers on Flight 93 with box cutters, when *Time* magazine on September 24 reported that one of the passengers called home on a cellphone to report, "We have been hijacked; they are being kind"?

As Internet pundit Gary North wrote: "We need a theory of the coordinated hijackings that rests on a plausible cause-and-effect sequence that does not assume the complete failure of both check-in procedures and the on-board seating procedures on four separate flights on two separate airlines. I don't see how anyone can make an accurate judgment about who was behind the attacks until he has a plausible explanation of how hijackers got onto the planes and were not removed."

But the Federal government, aided by a sycophantic mass media, did not allow such rational thinking to interfere with a rush to judgement that Osama bin Laden was the culprit behind the attacks.

### **OSAMA BIN LADEN AND HIS FRIENDS**

As in the JFK assassination, authorities had a suspect even before anyone knew for certain what had happened. Osama bin Laden, born into a wealthy Saudi oil/construction family, received arms and financing from the US Government during the Russo-Afghan War of the 1980s. Despite the fact that bin Laden has denied any knowledge of the September 11 attacks, he is presumed guilty by both the government and the press. No other interpretation of the attacks has been allowed in the corporate mass media.

Bin Laden is a made-to-order enemy, the man reportedly behind the 1993 WTC attack and a fugitive from United States justice for more than a decade. It has been noted that the government apparently has spent more time and money chasing Microsoft's Bill Gates than in capturing bin Laden. This may be due to the business connections between our new terrorist enemy and wealthy American companies.

According to several reports, including Jonathan Beatty and S. C. Gwynne's book *The Outlaw Bank: A Wild Ride into the Secret Heart of the BCCI* (Random House, NY, 1993) and *American Free Press* (October 15, 2001) (the reincarnation of the Washington newspaper *The Spotlight*), Bush family friend James R. Bath used money from Osama bin Laden's older brother, Salem, to open a partnership with George W. Bush in Arbusto Energy, a West Texas drilling company. Bush believed the Spanish word *arbusto* to mean "bush", although it generally refers to "shrub".

According to the *Houston Chronicle*, Salem bin Laden named Bath his business representative in Texas shortly after the senior Bush was named CIA Director by appointed President Gerald Ford in 1975. It was the Bush family, particularly Jeb and Neil, who were involved in the 1989-93 Savings and Loan debacle that cost taxpayers more than \$500 billion.

Through a tangled web of Texas oilmen, wealthy Saudi sheiks and unscrupulous bankers connected to BCCI, the younger George Bush eventually gained a sizeable interest in a new oil company called Harken Energy. Two months before Saddam Hussein sent Iraqi troops into Kuwait, Bush sold two-thirds of his Harken stock, netting himself nearly a one-million-dollar profit. The stock dropped when the Iraqi invasion began.

The BCCI was closed by federal investigators in 1991 after suffering some \$10 billion in losses. It was a Pakistani-run institution with front companies in the Cayman Islands that used secret accounts for global money-laundering and it was used by US intelligence to funnel money to

bin Laden and the Mujahedin in Afghanistan who were fighting against the Soviet-backed government.

Salem bin Laden, incidentally, was killed in the strange crash of an ultralight aircraft in 1988. The single-passenger craft suddenly and inexplicably veered into high-voltage electric powerlines near San Antonio, Texas.

It should be noted that during the Persian Gulf War it was Binladen Brothers Construction (now the Saudi Binladen Group) that helped build airfields for US aircraft. The bin Laden brothers were then described as "a good friend of the US Government".

Later, the bin Laden firm continued to be hired to construct an American air base in Saudi Arabia, despite the fact that Osama had already been blamed for terrorist acts such as the truck bombing of the Khobar Towers at the Dhahran base, which killed 19 Americans. A *WorldNetDaily* writer commented: "So let's get this straight. Osama blows up our facilities and his family gets

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the contract for rebuilding them. Do you get the feeling there is more going on than meets the eye?"

Another close connection between bin Laden and the Bush family is the \$12-billion private international investment firm known as The Carlyle Group. Although it has removed its website since the September 11 attacks, it is known that Carlyle directors include former Reagan Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, former Bush Secretary of State James Baker, and former Reagan aide and GOP operative Richard Darman. The *New York Times* reported that former President Bush was allowed to buy into Carlyle's investments, which involve at least 164 companies around the world.

According to the *Wall Street Journal* (September 28, 2001): "George H. W. Bush, the father of President Bush, works for the bin Laden family business in Saudi Arabia through The Carlyle Group, an international consulting firm." It has been confirmed by the senior Bush's chief of staff that Bush sent a thank-you note to the bin Laden family after a social visit in early 2001.

With such connections and a son as a sitting President of the United States, the senior Bush and his Carlyle involvement were questioned by Larry Klayman, chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch, who said: "Any foreign government or foreign investor trying to curry favor with the current Bush administration is sure to throw business to The Carlyle Group. And with the former President Bush promoting the firm's investments abroad, foreign nationals could understandably confuse The Carlyle Group's interests with the interests of the United States Government."

After detailing some of the Carlyle/bin Laden investments in several businesses including aerospace industries, web writer and former LA policeman Michael C. Ruppert commented: "In other words, Osama bin Laden's attacks on the WTC and Pentagon, with the resulting massive increase in the US defense budget, have just made his family a great big pile of money."

What made these business dealings that entangle former and current American political leaders with Middle Easterners even more suspect was the announcement that several US firms were being investigated for short-selling stocks just prior to the September 11 attacks.

#### SHORT-SELLING INDICATES FOREKNOWLEDGE

Short-selling of stocks involves the opportunity to gain large profits by passing shares to a friendly third party, then buying them back when the price falls. Historically, if this precedes a traumatic event, it is an indication of foreknowledge. It is widely known that the CIA uses the Promis software to routinely monitor stock trades as a possible warning sign of a terrorist attack or suspicious economic behaviour.

A week after the September 11 attacks, the London *Times* reported that the CIA had asked regulators for the Financial Services Authority in London to investigate the suspicious sales

of millions of shares of stock just prior to the terrorist acts. It was hoped the business paper trail might lead to the terrorists. The *Times* said market regulators in Germany, Japan and the US all had received information concerning the short-selling of insurance, airlines and arms companies stock, all of which fell sharply in the wake of the attacks.

City of London broker and analyst Richard Crossley noted that someone sold shares in unusually large quantities beginning three weeks before the assault on the WTC and Pentagon. He said he took this as evidence that someone had insider foreknowledge of the attacks. "What is more awful than he should aim a stiletto blow at the heart of Western financial markets?" he added. "But to profit from it. Words fail me."

The US Government also admitted it was investigating short-selling which evinced a foreknowledge of the tragedy. There was unusually heavy trading in airline and insurance stocks several days before September 11, which essentially bet on a drop in the worth of the stocks. It was reported by the Interdisciplinary Center, a counterterrorism think-tank involving former Israeli intelligence officers, that insiders made nearly US\$16 million profit by short-selling shares in American and United Airlines, the two airlines that suffered hijacking, and the investment firm of Morgan Stanley, which occupied 22 floors of the World Trade Center.

Apparently none of the suspicious transactions could be traced to bin Laden because this news item quietly dropped from sight, leaving many people wondering if they tracked back to American firms or intelligence agencies.

According to Michael C. Ruppert, these transactions were handled primarily by Deutsche Bank-A. B. Brown, a firm which until 1998 was chaired by A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard, who today is Executive Director of the CIA. Besides Krongard, other prominent Americans who have been connected to both the CIA and Wall

Street power include Clark Clifford (who was a key player in gaining legitimacy for the BCCI), John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles (Allen oversaw the failed Bay of Pigs invasion and sat on the Warren Commission), Bill Casey, David Doherty, George Herbert Walker Bush, John Deutch, Nora Slatkin and Hank Greenburg.

As detailed in *Rule by Secrecy*, the CIA historically has been top heavy with members of the Wall Street elite who desire to advance their globalist agenda. It also operates a number of front companies which themselves deal in stocks and bonds.

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There were other indications of foreknowledge. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown stated that on September 10 he was warned by his personal "airport security" not to fly the next day, according to radio station KSFO.

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More ominous was a piece in the September 28 edition of the *Washington Post*, stating that officials with the instant messaging firm of Odigo in New York have confirmed that two employees in Israel received text messages warning of an attack on the WTC two hours before the planes crashed into the buildings. The firm's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Alex Diamandis, said it was possible that the warning was sent to other Odigo members, but they had not received any reports of such.

Military forces had been on a heightened state of alert for several days before the attack, and several psychics claimed to have had a premonition that something was afoot.

Even the Russians got in on the act. Dr Tatyana Koragina, a senior research fellow at the Institute of Macroeconomic Researches, part of the Russian Ministry of Economic Development, gained credibility due to her July prediction that an unusual catastrophe would strike America in late August, ruining the economy. In a *Pravda* interview, she stated: "The US has been chosen as the object of financial attack because the financial centre of the planet is located there. The effect will be maximal. The strike waves of economic crisis will spread over the planet."

Following the September 11 attacks, Dr Koragina was interviewed again and asserted that the "powerful group" behind the attacks will make new strikes. "When [Americans] understand after the upcoming, new strikes that their government can guarantee them nothing, they will panic, causing a collapse of their financial system."

Asked who was really behind this odious plan, she replied that it is not the 19 terrorists identified by the FBI but, rather, a larger group seeking to reshape the world. She said this group of extremely powerful private persons hold total assets of about \$300 trillion and intend to legitimise their power under a new global government.

#### REMOTE-CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT A REALITY

Thanks to newly revealed technology, it is now possible to theorise that none of the hijackers intended to die. "Global Hawk" is the name of the latest version of a high-altitude, long-endurance, unmanned air vehicle (UAV); in other words, an unmanned drone plane that can take off, conduct missions such as photographing battlefields and land by remote electronic control.

This Buck Rogers equipment made its first operational flight on October 7 when it was used for reconnaissance over Afghanistan in preparation for US air and missile strikes against the Taliban regime. But this remote-controlled plane, similar to a Boeing 737 commercial airliner, was successfully tested earlier in 2001, first at Edwards Air Force Base and later at Edinburgh Air Force Base in South Australia.

When news of Global Hawk was first released, there was speculation that the UAV technology might be used to thwart airline hijackings. Once a hijacking took place, the Global Hawk technology would be triggered and the captured plane flown to a landing at a safe location regardless of the actions of the flight crew or the hijackers.

In fact, following the attacks the *New York Times*, in a September 28 article on increasing air safety, mentioned "new technology, probably far in the future, allowing air traffic controllers to land distressed planes by remote control". This made it seem that such technology is not yet available, but earlier in 2001 a former chief of British Airways suggested that such

technology could be used to commandeer an aircraft from the ground and control it remotely in the event of a hijacking.

Needless to say, there are those today who question if Global Hawk's first truly operational use might have been conducted on September 11. After all, as all experienced aviation and military persons well know, if a technology such as Global Hawk is publicly revealed, it most probably has been in secret use for several years. But regardless of how the planes with the terrorists were controlled, it is clear that their managers had information, if not help, from inside the government.

#### BIN LADEN AND THE MEDIA

And what of Osama bin Laden? What did he have to say about all this? Don't look to the corporate mass media to inform you, as they have all agreed not to broadcast anything that might detract from the official government story, even though it is acknowledged that Bush's media denunciations of bin Laden have been more filled with descriptions like "evil" and "evil-doer" than specific evidence.

Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAR) noted that, on October 10, network executives representing ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox and CNN were involved in a conference call with National Security Adviser and Council on Foreign Relations heavyweight Condoleezza Rice. The execs apparently agreed to limit how and what they broadcast regarding bin Laden or his al-Qaeda group. Bush people even tried unsuccessfully to have al-Jazeera, called "the CNN of the Middle East", broadcasting from Qatar, tone down its coverage of bin Laden. They were more successful with members of Congress when they threatened to cut off intelligence reports if members spoke offhand to the media. The next day, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, already on the record as saying Americans "need to watch what they say", extended this constraint by contacting major newspapers and asking that they not print full transcripts of bin Laden's interviews.

According to a FAR news release: "The point is not that bin Laden or al-Qaeda deserve 'equal time' on US news broadcasts, but that it is troubling for government to shape or influence news content. Withholding information from the public is hardly



patriotic. When the White House insists that it's dangerous to report a news event 'in its entirety', alarm bells should go off for journalists and the American public alike."

Here's what bin Laden *did* say in an interview on September 28, according to the Pakistani newspaper *Ummat*: "I have already said that I am not involved in the 11 September attacks in the United States. As a Muslim, I try my best to avoid telling a lie. I had no knowledge of these attacks, nor do I consider the killing of innocent women, children and other humans as an appreciable act. Islam strictly forbids causing harm to innocent women, children and other people. Such a practice is forbidden even in the course of battle. It is the United States which is perpetrating every maltreatment on women, children and common people."

In this interview, apparently suppressed in the United States, bin Laden unsurprisingly blamed the attacks on Israel, claiming: "All that [has been] going on in Palestine for the last 11 months is sufficient to call the wrath of God upon the United States and Israel [and for] what had earlier been done to the innocent people of Iraq, Chechnya and Bosnia."

Bin Laden went on to state: "We are not hostile to the United States. We are against the [US Government] system which makes other nations slaves to the United States or forces them to mortgage their political and economic freedom."

One cannot, of course, take bin Laden at face value—but then, the same could be said for the US Government, which has been caught in so many lies and deceits in the past that it is surprising that anyone pays any attention to official pronouncements.

## US FOREIGN POLICY

What should be thoughtfully considered is the dismal record of United States foreign policy since World War II. This policy, as confirmed by the *New York Times* years ago, has been in the hands of the Council on Foreign Relations elite since at least 1939. This elite and its associates includes former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and (the late) Richard Nixon, virtually every CIA Director as well as a considerable number of familiar past and present government officials such as Dick Cheney, Henry Kissinger, Wesley Clark, Strobe Talbott, Alexander Haig, Alan Greenspan, James A. Baker III, Sandy Berger, Colin Powell, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Frank C. Carlucci, John Deutch, Lawrence Eagleburger, Robert McFarlane and Casper Weinberger.

This policy has been one of neo-colonialism; that is, the subjugation and control of other nations through military dictators or wealthy families supported by, and often placed in power by, the US military or intelligence services. The names of nations that have felt the brunt of US CIA and/or military activity as a result of foreign policy include Somalia, Afghanistan, Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Palestinian Territories, Cuba, Vietnam, Korea, Nicaragua, Lebanon, Grenada, Haiti, Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia, Brazil, Chad, Sudan and many others.

As Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, stated during the Vietnam War: "My government is the world's leading purveyor of violence." He did not say "my country" or "my people". It is the government—or, rather, those who control it—that is responsible, although we, the distracted and unaware citizens who claim to live in a democracy, must take our fair share of the blame.

## HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS

Is there precedence in history for what is happening to America today? So much so, there is not enough space to present it all. Nero burned Rome, blamed it on his enemies and took dictatorial power. But consider what happened just last century.

On February 27, 1933, the German Reichstag or Parliament was destroyed by fire. Hitler and his Nazis blamed the destruction on communist terrorists. They even caught one: a retarded Dutch youth named Marinus van der Lubbe, who carried a Communist Party card. After some time in custody, the youth confessed to being the arsonist. However, later investigation found that one person could not have started the mammoth blaze and that incendiaries had been carried into the building through a tunnel which led to the offices of Hitler's closest partner, Hermann Goering.

Less than a month later, on March 24, 1933, a panicky German Parliament voted 441 to 94 to pass an "Enabling Act" at Hitler's urging, which was the starting point for his dictatorship. As a result of this act, Germans soon saw gun confiscation, national identity cards, racial profiling, a national security chief (Heinrich Himmler) and, later, mass murders and incarcerations in concentration camps.

One of the Western leaders who supported Hitler and his policies was Prescott Bush, grandfather of President George W. Bush. He must have taken notice of Hitler's method for gaining unwarranted power.

Since the Reichstag fire, the Bush family and their associates in the Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission and the Bilderbergers have often mimicked Hitler's tactics of creating a problem, offering a draconian solution and advancing their agenda through any

resulting compromise.

The real enemy is whoever is behind the September 11 terror attacks. Osama bin Laden, so closely connected to the financial interests of the Bush family and the CIA, may be the mastermind, or he may be a convenient scapegoat—yet another provocation to stampede Americans into another war for oil.

We must thoughtfully consider where the real source of terror lies: with one bearded fanatic in an impoverished Middle Eastern country, or with those who would profit while shredding the US Constitution in the name of defending freedom.

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# THE TRUTH ABOUT HORMONES & YOUR HEART

*According to the latest research, hormone replacement therapy offers no protection against cardiovascular disease and can actually cause it.*

## WHY HRT CAUSES CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

*"Steer clear of prescribing hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for the sole purpose of preventing heart attack and stroke in women who already have cardiovascular disease."<sup>1</sup>*

This warning, which was sent out by the American Heart Association, reversed its previous guidelines recommending hormone replacement therapy for heart disease. In effect, the AHA withdrew its approval of HRT as a treatment for women at risk of heart disease.

This was after a recent study published in the journal *Circulation* in July 2001, which further validated a growing body of evidence showing that women who have had heart disease, bypass surgery or angioplasty should not start hormone therapy for the purpose of cardiac protection because HRT can actually cause heart attacks and strokes.<sup>2</sup>

Once again, medical science has blundered. When it comes to hormones and women's health, there is a long history of inappropriate, dangerous and life-threatening treatments. Half-baked theories and untested hypotheses have jeopardised the health of millions of women. The use of HRT for preventing heart disease was never substantiated by fact. In a reckless desire to extend the reach of the billion-dollar hormone industry, the pharmaceutical companies and the medical profession have in fact contributed to the spiralling incidence of cardiovascular disease in women.

Heart disease and stroke are known as cardiovascular diseases. Stroke, like heart disease, is a vascular disease, a disease of the blood vessels. In both cases, the blood vessels become narrow either through spasm or through atherosclerosis, a narrowing of the arteries that feed the heart, therefore not enough blood gets to a critical place. In the case of heart disease, it is the heart; with strokes, it is the brain. Cardiovascular disease also encompasses high blood pressure and coronary artery disease.

The hormones which comprise HRT—oestrogen and synthetic progesterone—have always carried warnings that they increase the incidence of blood clots, strokes and high blood pressure. In total disregard of that knowledge, the hormone industry enthusiastically embraced HRT for the heart.

## THE OESTROGEN DEFICIENCY MYTH

In the face of the side-effects which have been known for over 40 years, why was HRT enthusiastically embraced by the medical community to become a universally recommended treatment for heart disease?

To answer that question, it is first crucial to understand that women's physiology has been grossly misunderstood by medical science. Myths and misinformation about the hormonal nature of women have fuelled a multibillion-dollar industry. Women's natural life changes have been medicalised and pathologised for profit. The two key ingredients of hormone replacement therapy—oestrogen and progestin—have been listed by the US Government as known cancer-causing drugs.<sup>3</sup>

The argument is made that deaths due to heart disease in women are uncommon prior to menopause, but after menopause they sharply increase. A declining level of oestrogen (known as oestrogen deficiency) in the menopausal woman has been blamed for this increase. It was therefore recommended that menopausal women should be

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placed on HRT as a preventive treatment. Menopause itself has been perceived as a dangerous risk factor for the increasing incidence of heart disease. But is this really true?

"Absolutely not!" says Professor Hugh Tunstall-Pedoe, a renowned Scottish cardiovascular epidemiologist. According to him, it is a myth that menopause is bad for women's hearts. "It is unarguable that risk of myocardial infarction [heart attack] and coronary death is lower in women than in men in middle ages. However, there is a myth that risk in women is held low only until menopause, around age 50 years, when it rebounds, equalling and later surpassing that in men."<sup>4</sup> The myth implies that coronary deaths in women should accelerate more rapidly after the age of fifty. However, Professor Tunstall-Pedoe's analysis shows women's death rates do not surge after menopause and in fact never catch up to those of men. The reason the numbers of elderly women dying from CHD are greater than elderly men is simply due to women living longer.

The corollary to the menopause/heart disease myth is the belief that oestrogen becomes deficient at menopause. In fact, it is often erroneously stated that the ovaries fail at menopause, resulting in a significant depletion of oestrogen. This oestrogen loss was then attributed to a higher incidence of post-menopausal heart disease. Women have also been misled to believe that menopausal symptoms and potentially debilitating conditions are the result of declining oestrogen levels. There is a growing body of evidence that disputes the idea that oestrogen deficiency is a common occurrence for menopausal women.<sup>5</sup>

As it turns out, oestrogen deficiency rarely occurs in Western women. Quite the opposite is occurring. The real problem for the majority of perimenopausal and menopausal women in Western countries is an excess of oestrogen and a deficiency of natural progesterone. In fact, the World Health Organization has found that an overweight post-menopausal woman has more oestrogen circulating through her body than a thin premenopausal woman.

Oestrogen levels decline at menopause, but not to zero. They usually fall only to 40–60% of pre-menopausal levels.<sup>6</sup> As a backup system, the fat cells and the adrenal glands also make oestrogen, assuring that most menopausal women make more than enough oestrogen. Mother Nature never intended for menopausal women to become totally depleted in oestrogen. Lower levels of oestrogen at menopause are in fact a natural adjustment to that stage of life. It does not mean a pathology of "oestrogen deficiency" requiring HRT. Prescribing additional oestrogen to women who already have normal or above-average levels can be devastating, since higher nonphysiologic levels of oestrogen have serious side-effects.

What gives weight to the oestrogen deficiency myth is the manner in which hormones are tested. While the gold standard in traditional medicine is blood serum testing, it is now acknowledged by major studies that blood testing only measures

1–9% of biologically active hormones.<sup>7</sup> This means that the vast majority of hormones in the tissues are not measured, resulting in a misdiagnosis of oestrogen deficiency when a majority of women actually have normal or excess levels of oestrogen.

According to the World Health Organization and recent research, the only valid way to test hormone levels is with saliva testing—an inexpensive test that can be prescribed by a doctor and done at home. Unfortunately, the majority of traditional medical doctors are not aware of the validity and efficacy of saliva testing. Thus, relying on blood serum testing to assess hormone levels will usually lead to flawed test results and mistreatment with inappropriate hormones.

## OESTROGEN'S MANY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

In the pursuit of establishing a definite beneficial link between HRT and the heart, Wyeth-Ayerst, the pharmaceutical company manufacturing Premarin, funded the Heart and Estrogen-Progestin Study (HERS), which was to investigate Premarin's effect on women with pre-existing coronary artery disease.

The findings from this study sent shockwaves throughout the medical community worldwide. In the study, the women taking hormones increased their risk of myocardial infarction by about 50% in the first year! In addition, there was a threefold increase of blood clots in the legs and lungs and a significant increase in gall bladder disease.<sup>8</sup>

Dr John Blakely, a Canadian academic who has recently had an article on HRT published in the US journal *Archives of Internal Medicine*, has reviewed the HERS findings and concludes that the widespread use of HRT "risks substantial harm to a substantial number".<sup>9</sup>

It is unfathomable that with the overwhelming evidence of the HRT-cardiovascular disease link, many doctors continue to hold firm to these outmoded theories and dan-

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gerous drug treatments.

When asked about the new evidence that HRT may actually cause heart attacks for some women when they first start taking the drug, Australian menopause specialist Professor Henry Burger said: "I don't know how many women we've killed by prescribing HRT to older women with heart disease... I wouldn't imagine very many." Professor Burger believes that there is still enough evidence to recommend HRT to women at risk of heart disease.<sup>10</sup>

Oestrogen also causes major deficiencies of key nutrients that are essential for maintaining a healthy cardiovascular system. Vitamin C is one of those nutrients that oestrogen depletes. Nobel Prize winner Dr Linus Pauling and his protégé Dr Mathias Rath popularised the scientific truth that heart disease was primarily only a fulminating deficiency of vitamin C and the amino acids lysine and proline which help form the collagen fibres that knit the artery walls together.



"Animals don't get heart attacks because they produce vitamin C in their bodies, which protects their blood vessel walls. In humans unable to produce vitamin C, dietary vitamin deficiency weakens these walls. Cardiovascular disease is an early form of scurvy. Clinical studies document that optimum daily intake of vitamins and other essential nutrients halts and reverses coronary heart disease naturally."<sup>11</sup>

However, vitamin C is not the only important heart nutrient that oestrogen depletes. It depletes the body of vitamin E, the vitamin B family, folic acid, magnesium, selenium, zinc and tyrosine.

While there have been many studies conducted showing the critical role of vitamin E for preventing heart disease, one of the most impressive showed that vitamin E lowered cardiovascular risk by one-third, documented in 87,000 participants over six years.<sup>12</sup>

The family of B vitamins is also cardioprotective. B3 (nicotinic acid) and B5 (pantothenate) are essential. Also, a well-established marker for cardiovascular risk is high homocysteine levels, which cause damage to arterial walls. Homocysteine is an essential amino acid. However, about 100 studies have concluded that excess homocysteine is a major risk factor (more so than high cholesterol) in causing heart attacks. Folic acid, B6 and B12 have been shown to convert homocysteine into harmless substances and prevent buildup. Depletion of these B vitamins is a recipe for disaster.

Magnesium, selenium and zinc are crucial minerals for maintaining healthy heart muscle.

In the book *Health Wars*, best-selling author and journalist Phillip Day comments: "So chronic vitamin deficiencies produce a breakdown of collagen in the arterial walls, leading to increased artery wall tension, narrowing of the artery diameter, thickening of artery walls and therefore high blood pressure. The result is heart attack, strokes (impairment of arterial flow to the brain), high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) and heart failure."<sup>13</sup>

In addition, oestrogen increases vitamin K levels, which can lead to blood clot formations. Oestrogen also causes high copper levels, fuelling the inflammatory process of heart disease. Evidence also suggests that this can trigger a more destructive form of LDL (bad cholesterol), causing increased clotting, plaque deposits, blood vessel constriction and damage to the inner vascular lining.

Another important marker for heart disease is a high level of C-reactive protein, which indicates inflammation. Since oestrogen has a known pro-inflammatory effect, it will increase inflammation in the body, producing conditions such as allergies, arthritis, asthma, pancreatitis and phlebitis as well as heart disease.

Oestrogen excess can impair various physiologic functions. It interferes with the uptake of thyroid hormones, thus contributing to hypothyroidism. One side-effect of a sluggish thyroid is high cholesterol levels. People with hypothyroidism are also at increased risk of heart disease. Oestrogen is also toxic to the liver, which will raise bad cholesterol levels. Women using oestrogen are at great risk of developing diabetes, a disease that carries with it a high risk of heart disease.

## NATURAL PROGESTERONE AND HEART HEALTH

Synthetic progestins (such as Provera) are another culprit in the HRT–heart disease connection. They also increase the incidence of strokes and blood clots.

Research has also been conducted on the connection between

Provera and vasospasms—a tightening of the blood vessels which causes complete blockage of the artery, resulting in death. At London's National Heart and Lung Institute, Dr Peter Collins conducted a study which found that women taking Provera had unrelenting physiologic effects on their vascular system. This could explain why autopsies of post-menopausal women who died of heart attacks only showed a 30–50% blockage.<sup>14</sup>

The increased risk of cardiovascular disease now associated with menopause may not be due to relative-

ly minor cholesterol plaque or to hormone changes *per se*, but to the increased risk of coronary vasospasm caused by synthetic progestins, such as Provera, used in HRT.

Natural progesterone, which is the bioidentical hormone made by the body, plays a significant role in protecting women from cardiovascular disease. While the synthetic progestins can cause unrelenting vasospasms, natural progesterone has the totally opposite effect.

Dr Jerilynn C. Prior, Professor of Endocrinopathy at the

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University of British Columbia, conducted a study in which she found that natural progesterone was protective to blood vessels by restoring normal vascular tone. Previous findings have found increased risk of heart disease in perimenopausal women who have high or normal oestradiol but low progesterone levels. Dr Prior's study concluded that "progesterone may play a role in protection from cardiovascular disease in premenopausal women".<sup>15</sup>

Progesterone is also beneficial to the heart in many other ways. It supports healthy thyroid function, increases the burning of fats for energy, has anti-inflammatory effects, normalises blood clotting, improves lipid profiles, balances blood sugar levels, improves sleeping patterns and moods, supports the production of stress hormones, and normalises zinc/copper levels. All of these actions are cardioprotective.

#### LIFTING THE VEIL OF IGNORANCE & ARROGANCE

While it is undeniable that heart disease is a major cause of death among women, evidence clearly reveals that neither menopause nor oestrogen deficiency can be assigned the role of villain.

It is alarming to realise that HRT not only contributes to heart disease but actually can *cause* it. Switching from HRT to cholesterol-lowering drugs is by no means the answer, since they too can increase the risk of heart disease by compromising liver function and depleting other important heart nutrients like coenzyme Q10.

Only by incorporating a healthy diet, proper nutritional and herbal support, natural progesterone, exercise and stress-

reduction strategies can women successfully and naturally protect their cardiovascular system.

The greatest challenge for women is finding valid, trustworthy sources of information that will enable them to make truly informed decisions about their health.

For many women, doctors have been the primary source of their education and guidance. However, it is becoming more and more evident that doctors are heavily biased in the options they offer. After all, it is an acknowledged fact that doctors receive their information courtesy of the drug company marketing departments which are totally focused on the bottom line.

In addition, the specialists who train doctors as well as lecture to the public often have financial ties to the pharmaceutical companies through research grants, travel arrangements and paid consultancies.

The hidden agendas created by vested interests are great deterrents to openmindedness about effective, safe alternatives.

When all is said and done, the use of hormone replacement therapy for the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease has always been an experiment, and the millions of women using it long-term have been the unknowing guinea pigs.

Once again, pharmaceutical giants have placed profit before sound science and have knowingly put women's health at great risk.

The time has now come for women to awaken from the spell of false promises from seductive advertising campaigns and heed the latest warnings: "Steer clear of HRT for the heart."

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# ASSET-STRIPPING THE PEOPLE

*Asset forfeiture laws around the globe are most likely to have adverse impacts on innocent people rather than on the criminals they are supposed to target.*

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## AUSTRALIA'S PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2001

When Federal Parliament reconvenes in 2002, Australians are likely to be confronted with a plethora of new legislation striking at the heart of civil liberties and freedom. In the wake of the terrorist attacks on America, new draconian counterterrorism measures have been proposed by Federal Cabinet and legislation is being prepared.

The new legislation, likely to gain the support of both major political parties, will supplement the existing warranting regime under which the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) exercises special powers. A new "general offence" of terrorism and an offence related to preparing for or planning terrorist acts will be introduced. The Proceeds of Crime Act 1987 will be amended to allow terrorist property and assets to be frozen and seized.

Attorney-General Darryl Williams says the legislation is being introduced on the basis that "we must remain vigilant and take appropriate defensive measures". The laws are likely to get the green light, despite the fact that Australia already has well-practised and cooperative counterterrorism plans and a raft of Commonwealth, State and Territory legislation dealing with terrorism. A sweeping review of national security legislation was undertaken prior to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, resulting in the passage of the Defence Legislation Aid to the Civil Power Act 2000. Introduced without a sunset clause, the Act gave security forces wide-ranging powers, and for the first time in history the military gained the legal authority to shoot to kill citizens.

The new Bills are likely to emerge via a wave of media and political hysteria calling for "homeland" security. Among the new legislation will be a rehashed Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001, which was tabled at the last session of Federal Parliament. The Bill would implement a regime of civil forfeiture of assets, in line with international trends. It has the support of the Liberal Government and Labor Opposition.

## WHAT IS ASSETS FORFEITURE?

Forfeiture means that the government can seize property that has been gained as a result of a crime or an alleged crime; for example, drug trafficking, people smuggling or money laundering.

There are two types of forfeiture procedures.

- **Criminal forfeiture:** This requires the defendant to be found guilty of the crime in a criminal court before property can be seized. In Australia, this action comes under the Proceeds of Crime Act 1987. In these cases, legal representation is a right and the jury must find "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the property was integrally connected with the crime.

- **Civil forfeiture:** This occurs when the government shows "probable cause" to initiate proceedings, "innocent until proven guilty" is reversed and the property owner generally has the burden of proof that they are innocent. Since the forfeiture is a civil—not criminal—proceeding, the right to a trial by jury is often denied, plus defendants are not entitled to legal representation unless they can pay for it themselves (a difficult task, since often the seized property is the defendant's only asset).

The Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 is based on civil forfeiture proceedings.

## PURPOSE OF THE AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATION

The Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 would allow a court to freeze and confiscate assets where the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) can prove to a court on the "balance of probabilities" that a person had engaged in serious criminal activity in the previous six years. No criminal conviction would be required before confiscation could occur. The proposed forfeiture law would apply to suspects engaged in certain serious Commonwealth offences punishable by three years' jail or more—offences such as drug trafficking, money laundering, people smuggling and serious property offences. The new regime would operate alongside the existing conviction-based confiscation regime. The legislation also would allow for assets and cash shifted offshore to be retrieved.

The proposed Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 is driven not by need but by police hype, political pressure and United States insistence that the rest of the world imitate its mistakes. Under the Bill, introduced by Justice and Customs Minister Senator Chris Ellison, the Commonwealth would be able to confiscate assets with a court's approval. The Commonwealth would have to show that, on the balance of probabilities, those assets are the profits of serious criminal activity. This means that the traditional common law principle, "innocent until proven guilty", would be discarded and "the balance of probabilities", which arguably amounts to little more than suspicion of guilt, would be deemed enough to result in a serious and apparently irrevocable loss of people's life-support systems: their money, their homes, property, cars and other possessions.

The Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 also introduces provisions for the forfeiture of "literary proceeds". Literary proceeds can be broadly defined as profits or benefits derived by a criminal as a result of the publication, in any form, of details or experiences related to that person's crime or life of criminal activity. The expression "literary proceeds" also includes "chequebook journalism" as related to criminal activity.

## BACKGROUND ON ASSETS FORFEITURE IN AUSTRALIA

Australia's civil and criminal assets confiscation legislation has its roots in the War on Drugs. In 1987, the Proceeds of Crime Act came into operation. Under the Act, the authorities gained the power to confiscate assets or money used in, or acquired as a result of, offences against Commonwealth or Territory laws.

In December 1991, the Confiscated Assets Trust Fund (CATF) was established. Since then, all assets recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act and under the narcotics-related provisions of the Customs Act 1901 have been paid into the fund rather than consolidated revenue.

Presently, the Attorney-General must determine, at least

once a financial year, how much of the funds is available for distribution. Then, half of the balance is paid to law enforcement projects selected by the Attorney-General. The other half is paid to drug rehabilitation and drug education projects chosen by the Minister for Health.

According to the most recent figures available (1996), a total of A\$29.8 million has been paid into the trust fund since it was established. Most of the money—\$26.4 million—came from the Proceeds of Crime Act. Other sources of funds were: section 243 of the Customs Act, \$34,000; other sections of the Customs Act, \$3.3 million; and section 9 of the Crimes Act 1914, \$22,000.<sup>1</sup>

## THE PROPOSED ASSETS FORFEITURE REGIME

The Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 originates from the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) report, "Confiscation that counts: A review of the Proceeds of Crime Act 1987".<sup>2</sup>

The ALRC report recommends that the Commonwealth should adopt a civil forfeiture scheme, where the identifiable proceeds of crime could be recovered without the need for a criminal conviction. In proposing this regime, the Commission rejected the notion that recovery of profits from unlawful conduct is an adjunct of the criminal law process and, as such, should apply only to conduct that is criminal and has been proved "beyond reasonable doubt". Instead, the Commission asserted that the recovery of the profits of unlawful activity, on proof of unlawful conduct on the civil onus of "on the balance of probabilities", is justified. To support this view, the Commission relied on the principle that no one should be entitled to be unjustly enriched on the basis of conduct that is criminally or civilly unlawful.

The Liberals recommended the adoption of the ALRC's recommendations, resulting in the next phase

of the fight against crime, the war against drugs and now the effort to combat terrorism: the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001.

## OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

The United Nations has played a key role in the development of the trend towards civil and criminal assets confiscation.

The 1988 UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances recognised the international dimension of the drug trade and its associated money laundering activities. The Convention contained what could be termed as mini extradition and mutual assistance treaties. The Convention obliges the parties to have laws which criminalise drug-related money laundering, enabling them to trace, bring under control and ultimately confiscate proceeds of drug trafficking both domestically and at the request of other party states.

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Convention and ratified it in November 1992. The Convention came into effect for Australia in February 1993.

At the invitation of the Council of Europe, Australia also participated in the development of the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime. Following ratification, this Convention came into force for Australia on 1 November 1997. It contains similar obligations to those in the UN Convention, but in relation to criminal conduct not restricted to drug trafficking. Australia was the first country not a member of the Council of Europe to become a party to that Convention.

The effect of Australia's becoming a party to the conventions is that the enactment of assets forfeiture laws in all Australian jurisdictions to the extent provided for in the conventions, and which had preceded the entry into force of the conventions, must be maintained if Australia is to continue to fulfill its international legal obligations.

### THE GLOBAL TREND IN ASSETS SEIZURE

The push for civil asset forfeiture laws is part of a global trend in democratic states.

In March 2001, a Proceeds of Crime Bill was proposed by the UK Parliament. The Bill sought to give police new powers to seize cash and property believed to be the proceeds of criminal activities. As in Australia, the UK Bill threatened the common law tradition that people are innocent until proved guilty and it was immediately condemned by civil libertarians. Under the UK legislation, still under consider-

ation, the government would establish a Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA), responsible for tracking down criminals' assets and taking away their money. The UK legislation would also seek to allow the tax system to be used to land suspects with huge demands for payment, when other efforts to investigate and seize the proceeds of crime have failed. Other new powers include the ability to freeze assets as soon as investigators begin examining a suspect's affairs.

In Canada, the federal government has made several attempts to introduce civil asset forfeiture initiatives. One recent legislative attempt, Bill C-81, sought to turn financial managers into police informants, grant Customs officers the power to strip travellers of undeclared cash and create a new bureaucracy to sift through financial records without a targeted individual's knowledge or consent. All this is supposedly necessary to combat the scourge of "money laundering" and to help take away from criminals the proceeds of their crimes.

Assets forfeiture laws have existed in the USA for more than 20 years and have enabled law enforcement agencies to strip citizens of billions of dollars in cash and property with little or no recourse.

In the USA, some state laws protect people from having property forfeited by police unless they're charged with a crime. But under US Federal law, authorities don't even need a criminal charge to seize property. In fact, experts estimate that most seizures occur without a criminal charge being laid.

Most state laws require that forfeitures be ordered by a judge. Federal law enforcement has the power to order forfeitures without a judge, and does in most cases. Sometimes police may seize money they believe is linked to drugs, but they can't prove it under state standards and they don't want to give the money back to a suspected drug dealer. US Federal law lets them take the money out of the owner's hands.

### WHO BENEFITS FROM FORFEITED ASSETS?

The Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 is an open door for the Australian Government to increase its revenue. The Bill's explanatory memorandum says "it is not possible to estimate the cost of bringing confiscation proceedings, or of preserving and realising property that is the subject of orders under the Bill; however, it is expected that the revenue generated from the confiscation of property will more than offset the investigative and legal costs in bringing proceedings and administering property".

One of the basic premises of assets forfeiture legislation is

that proceeds of crime will be used to fight crime itself or to bolster critically rundown government services. Health, education and welfare services are some areas where the proceeds are typically allocated.

However, as US experience demonstrates, forfeited assets often stay in the hands of law enforcement agencies. Hundreds of examples are cited on the database maintained by the organisation FEAR, Forfeiture Endangers American Rights.<sup>3</sup> FEAR is a national nonprofit organisation dedicated to reform of Federal and State

asset forfeiture laws to restore due process and protect property rights in the forfeiture process. Several shocking examples cited by FEAR include:

- A North Carolina State Highway Patrol trooper stopped a driver on Interstate 95 for tailgating. A police dog signalled that drugs were in the Toyota, where troopers found US\$105,700 and two grams of marijuana. The driver denied owning either the drugs or the money. The Highway Patrol gave the money to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), which returned more than \$80,000 to the State Patrol, even though North Carolina law generally requires seized money to be sent to Education.

- A Georgia trooper stopped a 1996 Monte Carlo for speeding on I-95. After the driver and passengers gave conflicting stories, the trooper searched the car and found a hidden compartment containing \$7,000, which the driver said was from savings. The patrol turned over the money to the DEA, which in January returned \$5,440 to the patrol. Under Georgia law, forfeited money should go to the State's general fund.

- In 1996, the Missouri Highway Patrol stopped a Volkswagen Golf for speeding, searched it because the occupants seemed suspicious and found \$24,000. No drugs were found and no one claimed the money. The patrol gave it to the DEA to be forfeited (the legal term for "confiscated").

Most people believe the official rhetoric, that assets forfeiture is designed to confiscate the luxurious possessions of

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drug kingpins—yachts, fast cars, planes and second homes obtained through the proceeds of drug deals. However, the public image has little to do with reality.

In America, forfeitures often occur to ordinary people who happen to find themselves in a situation in which they are simply suspected of having been somehow involved in criminal activity, whether those suspicions ever prove out or not. A database maintained by the US Drug Enforcement Agency indicates that 83 per cent of the property seized from June 1989 to December 1990 via assets forfeiture laws was valued at less than US\$50,000 (usually much less).<sup>4</sup>

#### POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN LAW

If the US experience is any indication, the Australian legislation may well end up penalising many petty criminals, and victims of the legislation will either have to fight in court to get their property back (which can take years) or, worse, they will be unable to recover their assets at all, despite their proven innocence.

While the Australian legislation requires a court decision for assets to be confiscated, the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 is obviously intolerable and is another step towards a dictatorial Big Brother State. The Bill, in its present form, poses many problems:

- The legislation could potentially be used where criminal convictions in court fail. Civil forfeiture could be used to sidestep normal criminal procedures.
- It would be up to suspects to prove they earned their cash and property legally.
- The legislation potentially could allow police to go on "fishing expeditions" against anyone whose conspicuous wealth cannot immediately be explained.
- The proposals of the Bill undermine the presumption of innocence and could create a system in which accusations by the police might be sufficient to force people to disclose all their private financial affairs.

#### TWO PARTIES, ONE GOAL

During 2000, Shadow Justice Minister Duncan Kerr introduced into Parliament a Private Member's Bill: the Criminal Assets Recovery Bill 2000. Announcing Labor's intention to make assets forfeiture an election issue, Kerr claimed: "...quite clearly...it is Labor which is setting the agenda on drugs policy... The civil forfeiture regime introduced in this legislation will allow law enforcement agencies to ask a court to confiscate property believed to be the proceeds of serious criminal activity, without waiting for a conviction... Before confiscating the property, the court will have to be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that it was illegally obtained or bought with the proceeds of illegal activity."<sup>5</sup>

A number of problems were raised by the Senate Committee charged with reviewing Kerr's Bill.<sup>6</sup> The Committee reported its concern that the Bill: "...seems to attach grave

consequences to what are essentially suspicions. Assets may be removed from a person's control, without that person having a right to be heard on the matter, simply because there is a reasonable suspicion that they are connected with serious criminal activity. Assets may be confiscated simply because it is more probable than not that someone, at some time, has been involved in serious criminal activity. Incriminating material may be obtained under compulsion and is only inadmissible where a person objects to producing that material. The long-established protections imposed by the criminal law and, in general terms, recognised in the existing Proceeds of Crime Act 1987, are here avoided because they are seen to be inconvenient or to hinder law enforcement.

"For the purpose of giving effect to that process, the civil standard of proof, namely on the balance of probabilities, is applied, rather than the criminal standard of beyond reasonable doubt. To that extent, this is a diminution in rights. In the same manner, this Bill seems to trespass on the rights of persons who have neither been charged with, nor convicted of, any wrong-doing. The Committee, therefore, seeks the advice of the member sponsoring the Bill as to the reasons for diminishing rights where there is only suspicion of, or likely involvement in, serious criminal activity."

Despite the obvious threats to civil liberties, assets forfeiture has remained a key plank of the Australian Labor Party's commitments in the lead-up to the Federal election on 10 November. According to the ALP's official election website:<sup>7</sup>

"Labor will introduce a federal civil confiscation scheme for the proceeds of serious crime against the Commonwealth. Under Labor's scheme, if it can be proved on the balance of probabilities that a person's assets are the profits of a serious crime against the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth can confiscate these assets. All

confiscated criminal assets will be placed into a specified fund. One third of the money in this fund will be allocated to law enforcement, and two thirds to health, education and research programs to deal with drug issues. This money will supplement core funding."

#### CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER THREAT

The Proceeds of Crime Act 1987, and most other Australian assets confiscation legislation to date, is conviction-based legislation; that is, the penalties it creates only become available upon a person's lawful conviction. The Proceeds of Crime Act 2001, if it goes into law,<sup>8</sup> will work independently of the criminal process and rely on other events to trigger its operation.

We cannot escape the conclusion that both the Liberal Government and Labor Opposition support the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission regarding the

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# PROJECT HAMMER

## Covert Finance and the Parallel Economy

*The off-ledger trading programs operated by some central and international banks launder massive amounts of money and provide vast sums to fund covert 'black budget' projects.*

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**P**roject Hammer is all about money. Stupendous great gobs of money. So much money, in fact, that it will challenge whatever reality you thought you had about the over-world of banking, finance and economics. It is also about the nether world of international banking and finance, a world that is said not to exist in reality. But exist it does.

More often than not, this never-never-land of international banking is concealed from public view by the judicious use of two sets of books. It is also eclipsed from interested investigators by a never-ending series of real frauds that result in arrest and imprisonment of numerous scam artists. This creates the clever illusion that the only thing going on are artful scams designed to fleece the unwary.

Such swindles fall under the general category of High Yield Investment Programs, Front End Fee frauds and Prime Bank Note schemes. Numerous law enforcement cases such as these, when twinned with dire "beware" warnings published on FBI, US Treasury and other websites, easily lead one to conclude that there are no such things as "real" trading programs. And the powers that be don't at all object to this conclusion being reached. It is the old case of hiding trees in a forest.

A key point to keep to the fore in what follows is that trading programs operate "off ledger". That is to say, the banks and central banks that operate them run two sets of books: one set for public scrutiny, and another set for private viewing only. Another fact to bear in mind is that authorised programs generate quite spectacular profits for very little—in fact, minuscule—risk, and those who are invited to participate as funders accumulate capital at a shockingly rapid rate. One reason, perhaps, why the wealthy get altogether wealthier as the poor sink ever lower into the mire of poverty.

The financial, banking and economic shadow-world in which Project Hammer lived, breathed and manufactured money "out of thin air" is the dirty little secret of the Western economy. It is a form of money creation that is effectively unchallenged by any form of oversight or accountability as we understand it. Hammer and numerous other transactions like it are based on what are known as Collateral Trading Programs, although many other descriptive names and terms are also used.<sup>1</sup>

The reason for such programs is to create vast pools of ready money that are earmarked for use in sanctioned (authorised) operations and projects. On the plus side, many beneficial projects throughout the world get funded as a result of program trading. On the negative side, there are more shadowy projects. Included in the latter category are certain black operations.

The amalgamated pool of funds created and now held in dormant and orphaned bank accounts runs to trillions of dollars, according to insiders. At the low end of estimates, there is believed to be enough to pay off the US national debt plus some change. At the higher end, estimates range up to hundreds of trillions of dollars. I have been repeatedly told, almost matter-of-factly, that the higher estimates are closer to the truth. I simply don't know how big the sums amount to, but I can document US\$12 trillion. This sum is revealed in the late Baron Krupp papers that form part of the exhibits of the companion volume to dossier *The Secret Gold Treaty* (<http://www.deepblacklies.co.uk>).

Many different sources say that programs are also used to launder money by spinning it through a program cycle until it is pristine clean. Drugs, guns and the usual array of dirty money transactions are said to feature.

Since US dollars are the cornerstone of all program activity, Uncle Sam naturally gets a bite of the action. A percentage of the proceeds is collected via private tax treaties

negotiated with offshore entities. These treaties also help to shield the reality of these programs from public awareness. There are unsubstantiated rumours that some of the tax take occasionally gets "diverted" for altogether private purposes. It is an allegation that is impossible to stand up, however.

London and Zurich are key centres for program activity, although transactions are usually booked through offshore entities. London and Zurich are also gold centres, and more than one credible source confirms that "black" gold forms an important part of program trading activity. There are also good reasons to suppose that part of Uncle Sam's share of trading profits is credited to the Exchange Stabilisation Fund. Here it is pooled with other funds and used to shore-up the American economy by—amongst other manoeuvres—manipulating the gold price to keep it below a predetermined price.

Trading programs are the preserve of many governments, their treasury departments and the top international banks which by their very nature have the necessary mechanisms in place to enable trading to take place efficiently and secretly. Banks from G7 nations dominate.

It follows, therefore, that a number of problems occur as a consequence of the multijurisdictional nature of supervision; and although safeguards are in place to ensure that "clean" money is fed into the system, this doesn't always happen. Funds of suspect origin do enter the system and are made pristine clean by this form of paper alchemy.

Large sums of black gold, cash or other forms of convertible assets are used as "collateral" to initiate trading programs. There are also certain classes of government-issued treasury notes and bonds that are privately lodged with major Western banks. These "treasuries" are never meant to see the light of day, but are in turn used by major banks to back the issuance of their own bank debentures "off ledger" in substantially leveraged amounts that can run into tens of trillions of dollars—or their foreign currency equivalents.

In turn, this bank "paper" is traded in pre-arranged "buy/sell" transactions at steep discounts (cents on the dollar) off the face value of the issued bank debentures. The trading of the paper between banks—using proxies—is arranged and coordinated so that the traded obligations effectively "wash out" or are otherwise cancelled, although other scenarios exist where issued paper is purchased at a fair market value and held to maturity. In the past, trading was paper-based, but today everything is electronic "screen-based" and consequently the credits traded have a life of milliseconds.

The difference between the buy-and-sell price—usually known as the "spread" (in the case of Hammer, this was said to be many percentage points)—generates a "fallout", a term that implies profit. In other transactions, most notably "Jacobe", the spread was represented to be at least 10% on a planned face value issuance of US\$27.5 trillion, according to documents I have seen. This would have created a fallout of US\$2.75 trillion. However, for reasons yet unknown to this writer, it seems that the Jacobe program, privately hailed as the largest program "ever put together", was—for reasons that are still inexplicable—only two-thirds completed.

Less grand, but just as interesting in other respects, was the fallout from Project Hammer, which is said to have totalled over US\$220 billion. In fact, the precise sum is US\$223,104,000,008.03.<sup>2</sup>

## THE NUGAN HAND BANK CONNECTION

One of the central characters associated with Project Hammer was Brigadier General Erle Cocke. Back in 1966, Cocke, along with his sleeping partner General Eugene Phillips, established the Washington-based consultancy firm Cocke & Phillips International. This was at the height of the Vietnam War, and just a few months after Cold Warrior Paul H. Nitze issued the directive authorising the establishment of the US Navy's clandestine intelligence collection program more commonly known as "Task Force 157".

TF 157 would later feature in the Nugan Hand Bank affair exposed by *Wall Street Journal* investigative reporter Jonathan Kwitny in his book *The Crimes of Patriots*. Task Force 157 came to an end on the instruction of Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, once he discovered the full involvement of "rogue" CIA agent Edwin Wilson in the Task Force.

Wilson was responsible for so much intrigue and illegality that one could shake a stick at it. He was eventually arrested, tried and imprisoned—where he remains to this day, fighting for release. Many now believe that he was working on orders from above but in a deniable role and was cynically sacrificed to save other more prominent players.

During his investigation, Jonathan Kwitny learned that General Erle Cocke ran Nugan Hand Bank's Washington office. Cocke's partner General Phillips denied this, saying they had merely rented office space to

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Nugan Hand Inc.'s Hawaii President, General Edward Black—a former OSS, CIA and senior military officer. This proved to be untrue, however. Kwitny learned that papers filed with the US Treasury listed General Cocke as the "person in charge" of Nugan Hand's Washington office. Cocke claimed that someone else must have filed these papers without his knowledge or consent.

In April 2000, Cocke gave a deposition running to 67 pages concerning his knowledge and involvement in Project Hammer. Ten days later he died from pancreatic cancer. His explosive deposition reveals him as a very significant and highly connected player in a world few of us are familiar with.

Cocke fought in three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam. During WWII he was an artillery officer and a division staff officer and was a POW under the Germans. He worked for General MacArthur during the Korean War and for General Westmoreland in the Vietnam War. Highly decorated for his service, he was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and cluster, a Purple Heart with three clusters, a Croix de Guerre plus the Légion d'honneur from France, and a Medal of Honour from The Philippines. He was the youngest National Commander of the American Legion and, prior to his death, became the oldest National Commander. In addition he was distinguished by the Red Cross with the medal Cruz Roja, and he was made an Honourable Comrade of the Nationalist Chinese Air Force.

Cocke was a Shriner Mason of many years' standing (he held a semi-official voluntary position for that organisation) and a Grand

Commander of the Knights of Malta—the secretive Vatican order that boasts numerous members who serve, or are closely affiliated with, Western intelligence and military services. Intriguingly, he claimed to have been the first Protestant "in 1200 years to be so honoured".

In 1959 and again in 1960 he was a member of the US delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations, holding the rank (and pay grade) of Ambassador. After that, he was the first fulltime US Alternate Executive Director of the World Bank, a position he held for four years from 1961–64. Pressed about this in more detail by his questioner, a Washington attorney, Cocke responded by saying:

"At that time I owned 28 percent of the stock and, of course, I had all kinds of people in the Treasury tell me what to do. Don't get me wrong, I made all the decisions. But I was the executor, I was the delivery."

He also confirmed that he had worked for every US President:

"...from Truman to date. At some stage of the game I worked for all of them. I have to admit that some of them were very minor chores and others were important."

In addition to his many abilities and accomplishments listed above, Erle Cocke was above all other things a banker—a profession that ran in the family. His great-grandfather put a bank "together in 1867", which was then the only bank in Georgia. His grandfather founded a bank in about 1890, and his father was President of Fulton National Bank (which became Bank of America) and was at one time the President of the American Bankers Association and Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Asked about his own knowledge of banking, Cocke said he had taken all the normal banking courses, and added:

"I understand banking. I can teach banking—you understand what I am saying—at the college level."

This banking expertise was at the core of his firm, Cocke & Phillips International, which began life as a:

"...normal American firm, lobbying firm, here in Washington, and we grew into banking particularly. The

UN contacts and the World Bank contacts—sometimes they help those people for 10 years."

In a similar vein, he undertook all sorts of "chores" for some of the government intelligence agencies. He explained this as follows:

"One thing is if they trusted you, they practically came in and said, 'What do I do?' I mean, you didn't argue with them. You sort of proceeded with the program and gave them a few choices, of course. But [they] practically always followed what we did. I was administrator, arbitrator. I was [the] moderator, bringing people together."

Asked if that experience "would be true in the financial and banking world in particular", Cocke replied:

"Oh, yes. I have been able to close things that other people can't close."

As we shall see, Cocke's ability to "close" things other people could not close did not extend to Project Hammer—a financial operation that, according to Cocke, deeply involved Citibank and its Chairman, John Reed. Cocke said he could get to see any President without any trouble, but complained that he could not get to meet John Reed.

## COLLATERAL DAMAGE

Having briefly examined General Cocke's background, let's now return to that stupendous sum of "black" money mentioned earlier. For purposes of clarity, this amount was referenced in Erle Cocke's deposition. If, as we have said, this amount was stealthily "magicked" into being as a result of an exotic form of financial smoke and mirrors, the question is: where did it go?

According to Cocke, this sum was lodged in "30-some odd accounts together". Asked where these accounts were located, Cocke responded by saying, "In almost one solid block at Citibank".

General Cocke's questioner then asked: "Would they have been in control of Mr Reed?"—meaning former Citibank CEO and Chairman John Reed.

Cocke responded as follows, in this exchange with the attorney:

A. Probably not all because there were so many different participants involved, and in different locations, countries, that I would say no, he did not have complete control, but everybody recognized it wouldn't be settled until it got to him.

Q. And these were, you say, accounts for various people around the world?

A. Yes.

Q. Produced as a result of what?

A. Well, most of them figured that greed in particular was mighty high. And, if they put up this amount of money, then I am going to get this kind of money coming back. That's the way practically all of it was. I hate to use the word "sole", but "present" might be a better word.

Q. Were these accounts for the benefit of people who had engaged in some kind of trading program?

A. They were all to get in the trading program. I haven't found anybody

that didn't go in wanting to increase their income and their greed in the highest bracket if they could possibly put up money.

Q. What I am understanding from you is that whatever these individuals, corporate entities, or even government...they believed, apparently by putting these funds with Citibank as part of this effort, they would then receive later down the road a pay-off?

A. That is correct.

Q. As a result of Citibank's management of these funds, is that fair to say?

A. Yes, basically the whole trading bloc in a nutshell.

During the course of his deposition, General Cocke was asked if he knew who "created" Hammer "to begin with". He admitted that he didn't know and was even reluctant to make a guess, but

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added that whoever set it in motion "had to have been somebody at a pretty high level". He then made the interesting observation that whoever it was who had authorised it, "the original structure" had "obviously got way out of proportion as time went by". The implication was that some of the money—the fallout—got diverted from its original intention.

More than a few of those involved in Project Hammer at various levels have told me that they believe some of the pool of money created by the Hammer project was "diverted" and used to rescue many of the world's major banks, which by the very end of the 1980s faced insolvency following reckless lending policies throughout the late 1970s and early/middle 1980s. It is certainly true that at that time many major banks like Citibank, HSBC, Chase, BoNY and others stood teetering on the very brink of disaster.

Another view is one that has been expressed by Daniel Hughes, of Hughes Oil Company, a Florida-based corporation. Hughes had been heavily involved in finding collateral to place in a number of trading programs over several years. This cost him tens of thousands of dollars, since most of these were illegitimate rather than genuine. It is a fate that waits for untold thousands of unsuspecting investors who step into this shadowy realm unprepared.

Even so, it seems that Hughes did play a part in attempting to place collateral in Project Hammer. He believes that the funds diverted from Project Hammer ended up in a CIA-controlled Swiss bank account in the name of the late Howard Hughes. On the basis of years of investigation, Daniel Hughes believes that Project Hammer involved the trading of US\$13.6 trillion in debentures, resulting in a "fallout" of about US\$1.1 trillion which was stashed in the Howard Hughes account in Credit Suisse. Whilst there is no hard corroboration in support of this claim, it remains an intriguing possibility. More so, for in his deposition General Cocke indicated that black money generated by trading programs might be hidden in dormant accounts, and a Howard Hughes account set up 30 years ago would clearly fall into that category.

According to Erle Cocke plus others I have spoken with, Project Hammer began life as an authorised but secretive trading program aimed at repatriating dollar assets that dated back several decades. Cocke confirms this when he was asked what the overall objectives of Project Hammer were:

"Well, it was mainly to bring monies back to the United States from all types of activities, both legitimately and illegitimately. Not that they were in the smuggling business *per se*, but they were all in the arms business; they were all retracing dollars of one description or another that had accumulated all through the '40s and '50s really. And that probably is as broad a definition as I can give you. And all kinds of nationalities were involved, all kinds of people were involved..."

Cocke was then asked who would have been behind the Hammer project. Would it, the questioner asked, have involved "various agencies of the US Government"?

"Yes. Obviously the CIA, the FBI, the national security agencies of all types, Pentagon in the broadest sense of it and as such, and the Treasury, Federal Reserve. Nobody got out of the act, everybody wanted to get in the act."

But there were numerous other entities involved in Project Hammer. None more so than the world's big bank, as is made clear by the following exchange:

Q. What other banks and financial institutions were involved in it?

A. Well, if they were, they were still as a correspondent to Citibank...

"Correspondent", in the sense General Cocke's uses this term, means one bank's account maintained at another bank. This is used to handle money transfers between both banks, and it very often denotes a "special relationship" between the banks concerned. The questioner then asked:

Q. Do you know which of those would be involved? Was Chase Manhattan one?

A. I am sure that every big bank in every major country at some stage of the game had some of this pass by them. They had a chance to refuse, or they had a chance to take it up.

### CITIBANK, "THE CHEESE"

Cocke was then asked who the "dominant participant" was in "terms of running this project, this vast project". The General is in no doubt about his reply when he says that, based on his own investigation, it was "Citibank of New York, in both their Athens, Greece, office and in their New York City office". He also acknowledged that Hammer was part of "an ongoing long-term kind of project".

Cocke went on to reveal that Citibank were "...going to be the trustees. They were going to be running the program. They were going to be the disbursing agency. They were the cheese."

Asked to identify which principal officer in Citibank handled Project Hammer, Cocke responded that "from all records, communications and contacts, John Reed was Vice President, but he was the lone coordinator, for a

better word".

Reed, who was Citibank's President and Chairman during this period, has formally denied his involvement in Project Hammer. In a deposition sworn in December 2000, Reed stated that he had "no recognition or knowledge of anything purportedly known as Project Hammer". Nor did he have "any recognition or knowledge" of any person named Erle Cocke. His deposition goes on to list a number of other items, people and allegations that he also had "no recognition or knowledge" about.

For their part, Citibank, in a letter dated December 12, 2000, state that they "never issued commercial instruments on the basis of its possession of quantities of gold made available to it by agencies of the US Government and the Federal Reserve in order to ensure the solvency of Citibank in the '80s and other bullion banks".

This denial, although emphatic, is interesting. Research shows that gold recovered by the forerunner to the CIA—the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)—was deposited in Citibank (and many other banks, too), not in the name of the OSS or CIA but in the name of one of their operatives, Severino Garcia Santa Romana.

On his death in 1974, some—but not all—of Romana's "assets" appear to have been illegally acquired by former Philippines

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# THE BIBLE FRAUD

*What has been passed down in the New Testament is not a true account of the life history of Jesus Christ or the origin of the Christian religion.*

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## TWO CONFUSED STORIES IN THE GOSPELS

Jesus Christ has captured the imagination of millions of people around the world for almost 2,000 years. Few people know that he represents something far different, and the following chapters unravel an entirely new story about the circumstances surrounding the birth and emergence of the Christian religion.

In order to cover this ground, it is necessary to consider the New Testament stories from a different perspective. By stripping away their supernatural elements, the earliest Church writings relay a confused skeletal outline of the lives of two separate men. This work unravels those stories and shows how the New Testament came into being and what it really is. Until now, this aspect of the Gospel story has never been fully developed; and by coordinating new information with surviving records, a reconstruction of the probable course of events that resulted in Christianity today is presented.

## WHAT WAS THE CHURCH TRYING TO HIDE?

In 1415, the Church of Rome took an extraordinary step to destroy all knowledge of two second-century Jewish books that it said contained "the true name of Jesus Christ". The antipope Benedict XIII firstly singled out for condemnation a secret Latin treatise called *Mar Yesu*, and then issued instructions to destroy all copies of the Book of Elxai. No editions of these writings now publicly exist, but Church archives recorded that they were once in popular circulation and known to the early presbyters. Knowledge of these writings survived from quotations made by Bishop Hippolytus of Rome (176–236) and St Epiphanius of Salamis (315–403), along with references in some early editions of the Talmud of Palestine and of Babylonia. The Rabbinic fraternity once held the destroyed manuscripts with great reverence, for they were comprehensive original records reporting "the life of Rabbi Jesus".

Later, in a similar manner, Pope Alexander VI (1492–1503) ordered all copies of the Talmud destroyed. The Council of the Inquisition required as many Jewish writings as possible to be burned, with the Spanish Grand Inquisitor Tomas de Torquemada (1420–98) responsible for the elimination of 6,000 volumes at Salamanca. In 1550, Cardinal Caraffa, the Inquisitor-General, procured a Bull from the Pope, repealing all previous permission for priests to read the Talmud which he said contained "hostile stories about Jesus Christ". Bursting forth with fury at the head of his minions, he seized every copy he could find in Rome and burned them. Solomon Romano (1554) also burned many thousands of Hebrew scrolls, and in 1559 every Hebrew book in the city of Prague was confiscated. The mass destruction of Jewish books included hundreds of copies of the Old Testament and caused the irretrievable loss of many original handwritten documents. The oldest text of the Old Testament that survived, before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, was said to be the Bodleian Codex (Oxford), which was dated to circa 1100. In an attempt by the Church to remove damaging Rabbinic information about Jesus Christ from the face of the Earth, the Inquisition burned 12,000 volumes of the Talmud. However, many copies survived and today provide opposing traditions about the person called Jesus Christ.

In the mass destruction of Jewish writings, the Church overlooked two particular British documents that also recorded "the true name of Jesus Christ". They survive to this day in the British Museum, and are called the *Chronicles* and the *Myvyeen Manuscript*—treasured ancient documents with a very early origin. Supporting evidence was also found on early first-century gold, silver and bronze coins discovered at the site of an ancient

mint at Camulodunum (Colchester) in Britain. "Thus the testimony of the Briton coins establishes clearly and positively the historicity of the traditional ancient 'Chronicles' as authentic historical records."<sup>1</sup>

The evidence is compelling, and additional supporting clues are found on a mysterious headstone in Germany, in Vatican art treasures and in a series of coded sentences in the Shakespearean plays. Further concealed information was left in the form of specially created statues commissioned by a Catholic priest and positioned in a small hilltop church in southern France. Coded ciphers were also secreted into the first English-language printings of the Bible, and a combination of all clues provides interlocking information and presents a new insight into the origin of Christianity.

### Secret Ciphers in the New Testament

It was the "wisest fool in Christendom"<sup>2</sup> who "authorised" the translation and publication of the first Protestant version of the Bible in English. He came to the English throne in 1603 and quickly became unpopular because of "his disgusting personal habits and his unsavoury character".<sup>3</sup> He pretended to be a scholar in theology and philosophy, but his learning was shallow and superficial. He wallowed in filth, moral and physical, but was endowed with a share of cunning that his associates called "a kind of crooked wisdom".<sup>4</sup>

For his new edition of the Bible, King James I issued a set of personal "Rules" the translators were to follow and ordered revisions to proceed, although he never contributed a farthing to its cost. Work began early in 1607 and took a committee of 47 men (some records say 54, others say 50) two years and nine months to rewrite the Bible and make it ready for the press. Each man received 30 shillings per week for his contribution.

Upon its completion in 1609, a remarkable event occurred. The translators handed over the reviser's manuscripts of what is now called the King James Bible to the King for his final personal approval. "It was self-evident that James was not competent to check their work and edit it, so he passed the manuscripts on to the greatest genius of all time...Sir Francis Bacon."<sup>5</sup>

Sir Francis Bacon (1561–1626) was a man of many talents, a lawyer, linguist and composer. He mastered every subject he undertook: mathematics, geometry, music, poetry, painting, astronomy, classical drama and poetry, philosophy, history, theology and architecture. He was a man of many aims and purposes, the father of modern science, remodeller of modern law, patron of modern democracy and possibly the reviver of Freemasonry. His life and works are extensively documented and his intellectual accomplishments widely recognised, particularly in academic circles. At the age of sixteen, he was sent to Paris "direct from the Queen's Hand" and there studied Egyptian, Arabian, Indian and Greek philosophy, with particular attention given to the ancient mysteries and their ritual rites. He personally recorded that while in Paris he created a secret cipher system that could be inserted into a document without arousing suspicion.

While living in Europe, Francis Bacon was initiated into the mysterious Order of the Knights Templar and learned a very special secret. Before he returned to London, he travelled through

France, Italy, Germany and Spain, and at the age of twenty he completely devoted himself to the study of law. From his understanding of the secret information he had learned during his initiation into the Knights Templar, he conceived the idea of reactivating various secret societies and in 1580 founded the secret Rosicrosses Literary Society in Gray's Inn. Later in the same year, he founded the Lodge of Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, also at Gray's Inn.

On 25 June 1607, Sir Francis Bacon was appointed Solicitor-General and Chief Adviser to the Crown. He had presented new ideas to the government for the reformation of the Church and was officially instructed to commence restructuring the Bible. Research in the Records Office of the British Museum revealed that original documents still exist which refer to important proceedings associated with Sir Francis Bacon's involvement with the editing of both the Old and New Testaments. They reveal that he personally selected and paid the revisers of the New Testament,

who completed their task under the instructions of Bacon's long-time friend, Dr Andrews. The first English-language manuscripts of the Bible remained in Bacon's possession for nearly a year. During that time:

*...he hammered the various styles of the translators into the unity, rhythm, and music of Shakespearean prose, wrote the Prefaces and created the whole scheme of the Authorized Version.*<sup>6</sup>

He also encoded secret information into both the Old and New Testaments.

An ancient document recorded that the true history of early Christianity was known to the initiates of the Order of the Knights Templar, having originally been:

*...imparted to Hugh de Payens by the Grand-Pontiff of the Order of the Temple (of the Nazarene sect), one named Theocletes, after which it was learned by some Knights in Palestine.*<sup>7</sup>

Regarding the months of editing work applied to the Bible by Bacon, his biographer, William T. Smedley, confirmed the extent of the editing:

*It will eventually be proved that the whole structure of the Authorised Bible was Francis Bacon's. He was an ardent student not only of the Bible, but also of early manuscripts. St Augustine, St Jerome, and writers of theological works were studied by him with industry.*<sup>8</sup>

At the completion of the editing, Sir Francis Bacon and King James I had a series of meetings to finalise editorial matters associated with the new Bible. It was at this time that King James ordered a "Dedication to the King" to be drawn up and included in the opening pages. He also wanted the phrase "Appointed to be read in the Churches" to appear on the title page. This was an announcement clarifying that King James had personally given the Church [of England] "special command" for this particular version of the Bible to be used in preference to the vast array of Greek and Latin Vulgate Bibles current at the time. His reason was personal, as King James had previously instructed the revisers to "defend the position of the King" in their restructuring of the texts. This was seen as an attempt to distance the Protestant

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— William T. Smedley

Bible from the Catholic version. The Protestant versions of the Bible are thinner by seven books than the Catholic version and the variant churches have never agreed on a uniform Bible. In their translation of 1 Peter 2:13, the revisers changed the phrase "the emperor, as supreme" to "the king, as supreme". Because King James's Bible was written to support the authority of a king, the later Church often referred to it as the one from "authority", and it later came to be presented as if officially "authorised". In subsequent revisions, the word "authorised" found its way onto the title page and later still came to be printed on the cover, giving King James's new Bible a false sense of authenticity.

The King James Bible is considered by many today to be the "original" Bible and therefore "genuine", and all later revisions simply counterfeits forged by "higher critics". Others think the King James Bible is "authentic" and "authorised" and presents the original words of the authors as translated into English from the "original" Greek text. However, the "original" Greek text was not written until around the mid-fourth century and was a revised edition of writings compiled decades earlier in Aramaic and Hebrew. Those earlier documents no longer exist,<sup>9</sup> and the Bibles we have today are five linguistic removes from the first Bibles written. What was written in the "original originals" is quite unknown. It is important to remember that the words "authorised" and "original", as applied to the Bible, do not mean "genuine", "authentic" or "true"...

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#### JUST WHO WERE THE PARENTS OF JESUS CHRIST?

In the opening sentence of a New Testament parable, Jesus stated:

*A man of noble birth was on a long journey abroad, to have himself appointed king, and return. (Luke 19:12)*

Herein lies part of a profound Gospel truth revealing the substance of historical information that the Church has strived for 2,000 years to conceal. This tale of long-ago misconceptions and mistaken identities must be clarified so that the original story may be seen to rest upon a true and sure foundation. For this purpose, we begin with the examination of Church writings purporting to record the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke state that Jesus Christ was the first-born of Mary and Joseph and that he had four younger brothers and at least two sisters (Mark 6:3). Roman Catholics are obliged to hold the opinion that the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ were the children of Joseph by a former marriage. This conclusion originally stemmed from the Gospel of James (the *Protevangelium*) which refers to the age of Joseph at the birth of Jesus. However, it is clearly recorded that Joseph had sexual relations with Mary after the birth of Jesus. The statement in the Gospel of Matthew that Joseph "knew her not until she had born a son" (Matt. 1:25) eliminated the Church's claim that Mary was a perpetual virgin. From the statements in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, it is clear that the brothers and sisters of Jesus were subsequent children of Mary in the fullest sense.

Joseph returned to Galilee with the intention of marrying Mary. The Gospels according to Matthew and Luke clearly explain that they were "betrothed" before Joseph's departure. This was the

equivalent of being "engaged" in modern-day terminology. However, upon his return some months later, it was plainly apparent that Mary "was with child" (Luke 2:5) and it "could not be hid from Joseph". The Gospel of Matthew elaborated extensively upon the feelings of Joseph when he saw the violated condition of his bride-to-be. He was uneasy, and being unwilling to defame her he privately discussed ending their engagement (Matt. 1:19). From the description in the Gospels, it is clear that Joseph was not the biological father of Mary's child. So, who was?

#### The Evidence of the Rabbis

The Jewish records of the Rabbis are of extreme importance in determining Gospel origins and the value of the Church presentation of the virgin birth story of Jesus Christ. A common appellation for Jesus in the Talmud is Yeshu'a ben Panthera, an allusion

to the widespread Jewish belief during the earliest centuries of the Christian era that Jesus was the result of an illegitimate union between his mother and a Roman soldier named Tiberius Julius Abdes Panthera.

The Talmud enshrines within its pages Jewish oral law. It is divided into two parts, the Mishna and the Gemara. The first discusses such subjects as festivals and sacred things. The Gemara is basically a commentary on these subjects. When the Talmud was written is not known. Some authorities suggest a date of 150-160, around the same time the Christian

Gospels began to emerge, while others say 450.

The Talmud writers mention Jesus' name 20 times and quite specifically documents that he was born an illegitimate son of a Roman soldier called Panthera, nicknamed "the Panther". Panthera's existence was confirmed by the discovery of a mysterious tombstone at Bingerbrück in Germany. The engraving etched in the headstone reads:

*Tiberius Julius Abdes Panthera, an archer, native of Sidon, Phoenicia, who in 9 AD was transferred to service in Rhineland [Germany].<sup>10</sup>*

This inscription adds fuel to the theory that Jesus was the illegitimate son of Mary and the soldier Panthera. Classical scholar Professor Morton Smith of Columbia University, USA, describes the tombstone as possibly "our only genuine relic of the holy family".<sup>11</sup> In many Jewish references, Jesus is often referred to as "ben Panthera", *ben* meaning "son of". However cautious one ought to be in accepting anything about Jesus from Jewish sources, in the matter of Jesus ben Panthera the writers seem more consistent than the men we now call the Church fathers.

Scholars over the centuries have discussed at length why Jesus was so regularly called ben Panthera. Adamantius Origen, an early Christian historian and Church father (185-251), recorded the following verses about Mary from the research records of a highly regarded second-century historian and author named Celsius (c. 178):

*Mary was turned out by her husband, a carpenter by profession, after she had been convicted of unfaithfulness. Cut off by her spouse, she gave birth to Jesus, a bastard; that Jesus, on account of his poverty, was hired out to go to Egypt; that while there he acquired certain (magical) powers which Egyptians pride themselves on possessing.<sup>12</sup>*

Later, in passage 1:32, Origen supports the Jewish records and confirms that the paramour of the mother of Jesus was a Roman soldier called Panthera, a name he repeats in verse 1:69. Some time during the 17th century, those sentences were erased from the oldest Vatican manuscripts and other codices under Church control.<sup>13</sup>

The traditional Church writings of St Epiphanius, the Bishop of Salamis (315–403), again confirm the ben Panthera story, and his information is of a startling nature. This champion of Christian orthodoxy and saint of Roman Catholicism states:

*Jesus was the son of a certain Julius whose surname was Panthera.*<sup>14</sup>

This is an extraordinary declaration, simply recorded in ancient records as accepted Church history. The ben Panthera legend was so widespread that two early stalwarts of the Christian Church inserted the name in the genealogies of Jesus and Mary as a matter of fact. Enlarging on that statement, this passage from the Talmud:

*Rabbi Shimon ben Azzai has said: I found in Jerusalem a book of genealogies; therein was written that Such-an-one [Jesus] is the bastard son of an adulteress.*<sup>15</sup>

"Such-an-one" was one of the well-known substitutes for Jesus in the Talmud, as has been proved and admitted on either side. Shimon ben Azzai flourished at the end of the first century and beginning of the second. He was one of four famous Rabbis who, according to Talmudic tradition, "entered Paradise". He was a Chassid (the pious Jews of Palestine), most probably an Essene, and remained a celibate and rigid ascetic until his death.

The story of Mary's pregnancy by a Roman soldier also appears in the sacred book of the Moslems, the Koran. It states that "a full-grown man" forced his attentions on Mary, and in her fear of the disgrace that would follow she left the area and bore Jesus in secret. This story was supported in the Gospel of Luke, with the description of the departure of Joseph and Mary from their home prior to the birth. Rape was a common event in Palestine during the Roman occupation, and soldiers were notorious for their treatment of young women. It would be unthinkable for Mary to admit such an event had occurred, for under the Law of Moses a betrothed virgin who had sex with any man during the period of her betrothal was to be stoned to death by the men of the city (Deut. 22:21). Simply put, Mary faced the death penalty unless she could prove her innocence.<sup>16</sup>

### The Mother's Name

There is another, lesser-known name Jesus was called during those early years, and that is "Yeshu'a ben Stada" (son of Stada). This name is recorded in the records of the Sanhedrin and also in the Talmud.

What can also be found in the Gemara, and has embarrassed Christian authorities for centuries, is this:

*Ben Stada was ben Panthera, Rabbi Chisda said; the husband was Stada, the lover Panthera. Another said the husband was Paphos ben Jehuda; Stada was his mother...and she was unfaithful to her husband.*<sup>17</sup>

These apparently contradictory assertions can be ironed out when read in context. In summary, Stada was Yeshu'a (Jesus) ben Panthera's mother.

The Gemara goes on to record that Yeshu'a ben Panthera "was hanged on the day before the Passover". That is to say, apparently, that after the stoning, ben Panthera's body was hung or exposed on a vertical stake. Crucifixion was an unused mode of execution amongst the Jews, who favoured stoning as the main form of capital punishment. To shorten the cruelty of death by stoning, the victim was first rendered unconscious by a soporific drink, and subsequently the stoned body was exposed on a vertical stake as a warning to others.

### The Evidence of the Safed Scroll

The name "ben Stada", given to Jesus in the Talmud, was found to be paralleled in the ancient Mehgheehlla Scroll, which was discovered by Russian physician D. B. de Walthoff near Lake Tiberius in 1882 and is now called simply "the Safed Scroll".

In this old text, there were two brothers called Yeshai and Judas ben Halachmee who were the illegitimate twin sons born of a fifteen-year-old girl called Stadea. The closeness of the name

"Stada" in the Talmud to the "Stadea" in the Safed Scroll is extraordinary, and the slight difference in spelling can be explained by variations in translations. The interesting point here is that the name "ben Halachmee" was the name of Stadea's later husband, not the biological father of her sons. Unfortunately, no mention is made of the real father's name, but ben Halachmee was the name given to Stadea's illegitimate twin boys.

According to the Safed Scroll, Yeshai and his brother Judas ben Halachmee were taken in, raised and

educated by the religious order of Essene monks. The Essenes were a perennial Jewish colony that particularly flourished in Judea for some centuries previous to the time ascribed to the New Testament stories. Subsequently, one of the boys became a student of Rabbi Hillel's school of philosophy and the other became the leader of the Essenes. An older Essene named Joseph was assigned as Yeshai's "religious father" and guardian.

The Safed Scroll suggests that, eventually, Yeshai ben Halachmee's outspoken religious views angered the Jewish priests. He was tried by a Roman court on a charge of inciting the people to rebel against the Roman Government. He was found guilty and sentenced to death, but escaped, left the area and travelled to India.

The Mehgheehlla Scroll mirrors aspects of the hidden story in the Gospels and provides external evidence that the conclusion reached in this volume was known in ancient tradition.

### Who was Stada/Stadea?

One of the most popular aspects of etymology is the history of names—those words or phrases which uniquely identify persons, animals, places, concepts or things. The earlier forms of a name are often uncertain, and different dialect pronunciations have led to divergent spellings of the same name. The social pressure to use a standard spelling did not emerge until the 18th century, and earlier writers saw no problem presenting a person's name in a variety of ways. In one study, for example, over 130 variants of

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the name "Mainwaring" were found among the parchments belonging to that family.

Many Hebrew names in the Old Testament are believed to bear a special significance, as individual subjects originally were called by a name expressive of some characteristic, e.g., Edom, red; Esau, hairy; Jacob, supplanter; and Sarai (Sara), from the base word *sharat*. A similar concept applied in Jewish writings and for a long time confused researchers.<sup>18</sup> Like Roman and Hebrew tradition, the names of the characters "often appear in distorted form in Rabbinic literature" and were sometimes an attempt to disguise their true personality.<sup>19</sup> This type of understanding provided the key that enabled researchers to unlock the true essence of what was really being relayed in ancient writings.

"Names research" is an open-ended and complex domain, and one which is particularly greedy of the researcher's time. In any study of the New Testament, however, it must be remembered that

the first Gospels were written in Hebrew,<sup>20</sup> and this is a vital point in determining who Stadea really was. "The name [Stadea] has various forms and may have been borrowed from a fanciful name that meant a scholar; or had a regional identity like Stabiae or Statila, or a woman of good family."<sup>21</sup> According to Jewish writings, Stadea was "the descendent of princes and rulers"<sup>22</sup> and her royal heritage provided a clue to her real name. The Talmud further states that Yeshu'a (Jesus) ben Panthera's mother "was also called Miriam, yes, but she was nicknamed Stada...Stat-da, this one has turned away, being unfaithful [Stat-da] to her husband".<sup>23</sup>

St Jerome explained the difficulty that he had in translating the earliest Gospels into Latin<sup>24</sup> and added that the "original Hebrew" versions of Matthew's Gospel and the earliest Luke Gospels were written in the Chaldaic language but with Hebrew letters. The "original Hebrew" version of the name "Mary" was "Mariamne".<sup>25</sup> Therefore, "Mary" in the English-language Gospels of today was originally written "Mariamne" in the Hebrew versions and was sometimes translated as "Miriam".<sup>26</sup>

### Mary Unknown in Early Church History

What was actually recorded of Mary/Mariamne in the only accepted Christian writings provides scant information indeed about the woman the Church now calls "the Mother of God". In the Gospels she is rarely mentioned. In fact, she is not mentioned by name in the oldest version of the Mark Gospel in the oldest Bibles. Nor is she mentioned in the oldest version of the John Gospel. The Church has said that "the reader of the Gospels is at first surprised to find so little about Mary...this obscurity has been studied at length".<sup>27</sup> Both the Gospels of Mark and John introduce Jesus as an adult. Only in contrived narratives does Mary play an important role in the biblical texts and, excluding these, she is mentioned only briefly on three occasions.

The church presbyters were also silent on Mary. There was nothing recorded of her, external to the Church, for more than four centuries after the time she was said to have lived. She had no ancestry or background except in spurious apocrypha.

The earliest documented reference to Mary can be found in the Mark Gospel of the Sinai Bible (Mark 3:32). This narrative refers to her as simply the earthly mother of several sons and daughters.

The reference is actually about a group of people who addressed Jesus and said, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you". Here is a profound truth. Modern Bibles show the three words "and your sisters" to have been removed or indexed to a footnote. From here onwards, Mary almost vanished from the Church texts and, apart from an obscure final reference to her in the Acts of the Apostles (1:14), she disappeared forever from the New Testament.

However, when the name "Mary" in the Gospels was replaced with the original Hebrew version, "Mariamne", an historic aspect arose. Combining the evidence available, the position advanced in this book is that Mary, the mother of Jesus in the Gospels, Stadea of the Jewish writings, and Mariamne of the House of Herod were one and the same person.

At the time of the development of the Gospels, Mariamne was the younger sister of Herodias and the two girls were an integral part of the vast "family of Herodes" ("Herod" today). They were the much-loved granddaughters of King Herod and he "cared for them with great devotion".<sup>28</sup> Their mother, Berenice, later remarried and moved with her teenage daughters to live in Rome, where she gained the friendship of Emperor Augustus.<sup>29</sup>

Mariamne and Herodias Herod were of noble birth through King Herod (c. 73–74 BC) and his wife, Mariamne I. Mariamne Herod's father was Aristobulus, the son of Herod the Great, and her mother Berenice was the daughter of Herod's sister, Salome. Mariamne also had two brothers named Herod II, King of Chalcis, and Agrippa, who became Agrippa I. King Herod himself was descended from a noble line of kings through his Nabatean mother, Cypros of Petra.

The Nabateans were a Semitic people and the earliest sources regarded them as Arabs. Today they are generally referred to as Nabatean Arabs. Owing to its secure location, Petra was adopted by the Nabatean kings as their capital city, and it became incorporated into the Roman Empire in 106. The Nabatean Arabs

passed out of history with the advent of Islam.<sup>30</sup>

The House of Herod was founded by the marriage of Cypros of Petra to Antipater (Antipas) the Idumean, to whom Cypros bore four sons, Herod being one. The name "Herod" subsequently became the title of seven rulers mentioned in the New Testament and in Roman history.

King Herod was known to the Romans as "the Great", but in the eyes of the people over whom he ruled he was always known as "the Impious", despite his costly restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem. Herod was a Roman citizen, Governor of Galilee by 47 BC, and then King of Judea from 37 to 4 BC. He was one of the major figures in politics of Palestine in the early years of the Roman Empire. In 7 BC he strangled to death two of his sons, Aristobulus and Alexander, drawing a comment from Roman Emperor Augustus (27 BC–14 AD) that it was safer to be one of Herod's pigs than one of his sons. Another son was later born to Herod and, for his safety, his mother dispatched him to the care of her family in Ariminum, a city near Ravenna in northern Italy.<sup>31</sup> He was Prince Joseph, the Joseph of Arimathea in the Gospels, and he later became the unseen power behind his father's throne.

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Mariamne Herod's ancestors can be traced back on her grandmother's (Mariamne I) side to the Hasmonean "priest-kings" and "hereditary priests" from the tribe of Benjamin. She, her sister and her brothers were descendants of the legitimate Hasmonean dynasty and "carried the Hasmonean blood".<sup>32</sup> They also carried the blood of the Nabatean Arabs, so much so that King Aretas IV, who was legally confirmed a Nabatean Arab king by Emperor Augustus,<sup>33</sup> divorced his wife to marry Herodias (who died after AD 41) to maintain the Nabatean bloodline, but she declined him. It was Herodias who was involved in the Gospel story of the beheading of John the Baptist, for which she received a level of notoriety and defamation similar to that of Mary Magdalene.

The available records reflect an intricate tangle of marriages, intermarriages and divorces between the Herods and the Romans. In the account of the Gospel of Mark (6:17), for example, Herodias later married Herod Philip I, her own uncle, by whom she had a daughter, Salome. Salome was named after her Hasmonean ancestor Salome Alexandra, herself a "priestess-queen".<sup>34</sup> Later in time, Herod Antipas ("without-land") apparently fell in love with Herodias and proposed to her. Seeing that his fortunes were rising faster than her husband's, Herodias accepted his hand. She longed for social distinction, and accordingly left her husband and initially entered into an adulterous union with Herod Antipas, who was also her uncle.<sup>35</sup> She was not married to Antipas at this time, but married him at a much later stage (c. 38).

When Herodias saw how well her brother Agrippa I had fared in Rome, whence he returned a king, she urged her husband Herod Antipas to go to Caesar and obtain the royal title, for she believed his claim to it was far greater than that of her brother. Antipas was not king, but only Tetrarch of Galilee.<sup>36</sup> Contrary to his better judgement he went, and soon learned by messengers that Agrippa I had accused him before Emperor Caligula of conspiracy against the Romans. The Emperor banished Herod Antipas to Lyons, Gaul (France), in 41, and although he permitted Herodias to return to her home in Rome she chose to accompany her husband into exile.

It was recorded that the male offspring of the House of Herod were forced to become circumcised Jews in the reign of John Hyrcanus, a Hasmonean of the earlier Maccabean period. In other words, the Herod family adopted the religion of Judaism. The religious movement of the Essenes was also connected to the Hasmonean bloodline through the High Priest Mattathias, the father of the military king Judas Maccabeus.

We know that Herod the Great was favourable towards the Essenes, maybe because they made it their invariable practice to refrain from disobedience to the political authority. The Jewish historical writer Philo recorded that they had never clashed with any ruler of Palestine, however tyrannical, until his lifetime in the mid-first century. This was a passive attitude which could not fail to commend itself to King Herod, and it was reported he even went so far as to exempt the Essenes, like the Pharisees, from the oath of loyalty to himself.

In the reconstruction of the story, and drawing upon the concept of the Safed Scroll, the pregnant Stadea (Mariamne Herod, née Mary) secretly went to one of the Essene communities until the time of the birth, and bore twin boys. Numerous groups of Essenes existed "all over, as they were a very numerous sect"<sup>37</sup> and were found in secluded country areas as well as cities. Upon the birth of the twins, she then moved into the palace of Emperor Augustus and there she lived until the boys were old enough to receive schooling. It was due to their solidarity and the family affinity that the young Mariamne Herod had her illegitimate twin boys educated within the Essene community. The Essene hierarchy were her blood relatives and expounded similar principles and traditions to the Herodian philosophy. "They perpetuated their sect by adopting children...above all, the Essenes were the educators of the nobility, their instruction being varied and extensive."<sup>38</sup>

To avoid confusion in developing the premise provided in this work, Mary, the mother of Jesus in the New Testament, shall be called Mariamne Herod, except when quoting from the Gospels.

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## TESLA'S "TELEFORCE" DEFENSIVE BEAM AGAINST AIR ATTACK

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Nikola Tesla, one of the truly great inventors, who celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday on July 10, tells the writer that he stands ready to divulge to the United States government the secret of his "teleforce", of which he said, "airplane motors would be melted at a distance of 250 miles, so that an invisible 'Chinese Wall of Defense' would be built around the country against any enemy attack by an enemy air force, no matter how large".

This "teleforce" is based on an entirely new principle of physics that "no one has ever dreamed about", different from the principles embodied in his inventions relating to the transmission of electrical power from a distance, for which he has received a number of basic patents. This new type of force, Mr Tesla said, would operate through a beam one-hundred-millionth of a square centimeter in diameter, and could be generated from special plant that would cost no more than \$2,000,000 and would take only about three months to construct.

A dozen such plants, located at strategic points along the coast, according to Mr Tesla would be enough to defend the country against all aerial attack. The beam would melt any engine, whether diesel or gasoline driven, and would also ignite the explosives aboard any bomber. No possible defense against it could be devised, he asserts, as the beam would be all-penetrating.

### High Vacuum Eliminated

The beam, he states, involves four new inventions, two of which already have been tested. One of these is a method and apparatus [section not legible] eliminating the need for a "high vacuum"; second is a process for producing "very great electrical force"; third is a method of amplifying this force; and the fourth is a new method for producing "a tremendous repelling electrical force". This would be the projector, or

the gun of the system. The voltage for propelling the beam to its objective, according to the inventor, will attain a potential of 80,000,000 volts.

With this enormous voltage, he said, microscopic electrical particles of matter will be catapulted on their mission of defensive destruction. He has been working on this invention, he added, for many years and has made a number of improvements on it.

Mr Tesla makes one important stipulation. Should the government decide to take up his offer, he would go to work on it at once, but they would have to trust him. He would suffer "no interference from experts".

In ordinary times, such a condition would very likely interpose an insuperable obstacle. But times being what they are, and with the nation getting ready to spend billions on national defense, at the same time taking in consideration the reputation of Mr Tesla as an inventor who always was many years ahead of his time, the question arises whether it may not be advisable to take Mr Tesla at his word and commission him to go ahead with his "teleforce" plant.

### Such a Device "Invaluable"

After all, \$2,000,000 would be relatively

a very small sum compared with what is at stake. If Mr Tesla really fulfills his promise, the results achieved would be truly staggering.

Not only would it save billions now planned for air defense, by making the country absolutely impregnable against any air attack, but it also would save many more billions in property that would otherwise be surely destroyed no matter how strong the defenses are, as witnessed by current events in England.

Take, for example, the Panama Canal. No matter how strong the defense, a suicide squadron of dive bombers, according to some experts, might succeed in getting through and cause such damage that would make the Canal unusable, in which our Navy might find it self bottled up.

Considering the probabilities in this case, even if the chances were 100,000 to 1 against Mr Tesla, the odds would still be largely in favor of taking a chance of spending \$2,000,000.

In the opinion of the writer, who has known Mr Tesla for many years and can testify he still retains full intellectual vigor, the authorities in charge of building national defense should at once look into the matter. The sum is insignificant compared to the magnitude of the stake.



## CONVERTING WATER INTO GASOLINE FUEL SUBSTITUTES

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Wouldn't it be nice if we could burn water for fuel? Think of all the money we could save, since water costs only 25 cents a gallon (this week!). It's a wet dream that has been fulfilled several times.

### Ramar Pillai's Herbal Formula

The most recent instance occurred in 1996 at the Indian Institute of Technology (ITT), where 30-year-old Ramar Pillai demonstrated the conversion of water to a hydrocarbon fuel by mixing it with a secret herbal formula he had discovered.

Scientists were understandably amazed by the experiment, which was organised by ITT chemist N. K. Jha. "It is incredible, but true," Jha said.

About two ounces of leaves and bark were boiled in a litre of water and then

cooled, and small amounts of salt, citric acid and secret chemicals were added. About a pint of combustible liquid that smells and burns like kerosene was produced within 30 minutes.

The National Chemical Laboratory in Pune, India, analysed the substance and found it to be a pure hydrocarbon with a boiling point of 170°C. The new fuel is more efficient than gasoline and it produces no sulphur exhaust. Researchers at the Indian Institute of Petroleum confirmed the reality of the process.

Ramar Pillai was granted 20 acres of land on which to cultivate the marvellous bush, and he applied for patents on the process. But then Pillai was accused of being a charlatan; allegedly he had added oil to the process by legerdemain, even as scientists watched him perform the experiment.

### Louis Enricht's Green Pill

In 1916, Louis Enricht announced that he had invented "a substitute for gasoline that can be manufactured for a penny a gallon". As a demonstration, Enricht allowed reporters to inspect the empty gas tank of an automobile. The reporters also tasted the water that Enricht then poured into the tank. He added a green pill, started the car and gave the reporters a ride around Farmingdale, Long Island.

William Haskell, publisher of the *Chicago Herald*, investigated Enricht's claims. He wrote:

"I examined the entire engine and tank. I even tasted the water before the mysterious green pill was dropped into the tank. Then I opened the petcock and examined the liquid, which now tasted like bitter almonds.

I also tasted the liquid at the carburetor, which was the same. I was amazed when the auto started. We drove it

around the city without any trouble."

A few days later, however, reporters learned that Enricht had been indicted for fraud in 1903 and had been involved in other phony schemes. Despite his lack of credibility, Enricht was able to get Benjamin Yoakum to finance him and organise the National Motor Power Company. Investigators from the British Army were given a demonstration and they reported: "The car operated as expeditiously and efficiently as it would have on gasoline."

The deal soured, however, and Yoakum sued Enricht, who was forced to open a safe deposit box in which he supposedly had placed the formula and a sample of the substance. It wasn't there, and the National Motor Power Company folded. Enricht eventually was convicted of another fraud (extracting gasoline from peat) and served several years in Sing Sing prison.

### John Andrews's Green Powder

In 1917, John Andrews approached the US Navy with his claim that he could convert fresh or salt water into a fuel with the same power as gasoline. The chemical costs were about two cents per gallon.

Andrews was allowed to demonstrate his invention at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where a motor boat was fitted with a dynamometer for the test. Commander Earl P. Jessup, who was captain of the yard, said:

"We gave Andrews a bucket of water drawn from the Navy Yard [fresh water] hydrant by one of the yard attachés. He got into his car with a gallon can which we inspected and found to be empty, and a little satchel he carried with him. In about a minute he handed out the filled can which I personally carried to the open fuel tank. While pouring the liquid into the tank, Andrews held a lighted cigarette close to the liquid, which did not ignite.

That showed it was not gaseous or inflammable at that part of the demonstration, which to me was most important. The engine caught just as quickly as it would have done with gasoline, and after a moment's adjustment of the carburetor it settled down to its work, developing 75% of its rated horsepower, a remarkable showing with any fuel with so slight a readjustment of the carburetor."

In a second test, Andrews was put in an empty room with no possible way to get rid of the bucket of salt water with which he



Guido Franch demonstrating Mota. Photo by Tom Valentine.

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had been supplied, except to empty it into his one-gallon gas can. Commander Jessup said:

"In a minute he emerged with the can filled, and the engine again used it up, no difference being noted between the salt water and fresh. Besides myself, Rear Admiral G. E. Burd, the Industrial Manager of the yard, was present and with the precautions we had taken—our own Navy engine, tank and carburetor and our own men supplying the water—there was no possibility of deception.

"From a military viewpoint, it is almost impossible to visualize what such an invention means. It is so important that we have hurried an officer to Washington to make a report to the Navy Department. It is obvious that Andrews has discovered a combination of chemicals which breaks down water to a form that is inert until mechanically vaporized by the carburetor, when the spark causes it to burn as gasoline burns."

Walter Meriwether, the Navy editor of the *New York World*, met with Andrews at his home in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Andrews was extremely paranoid. He said:

"Somebody poisoned my watchdog last week... The only reason my dog was poisoned was so somebody could get at me more easily. I am being followed everywhere, day and night. A lot of people know about my invention—how it will put every oil company in the world out of business. Two cents a gallon for a substitute as good as the best they can refine? I tell you, my life is not worth that [snapping his fingers]! Think of what my invention means to nations at war."

Meriwether offered to arrange for a thorough test of his invention with the Navy Department in Washington, DC, and Andrews accepted his help. Meriwether managed to arouse the interest of Secretary Josephus Daniels, who said:

"Tell the man to come on at once; I will have a submarine and airplane detailed and ready for him on his arrival."

Meriwether telegraphed Andrews, but received no reply. He returned to McKeesport, but Andrews could not be found. Meriwether then accompanied the police to Andrews's home, where they found signs of a violent struggle in the ransacked house. No trace was found of Andrews.

But Andrews had not been kidnapped or murdered; he had simply reported back to his seaman's post in the Canadian Navy. He returned to the USA in the 1930s.

In 1942, a reporter named James Kilgallen found Andrews living on a farm near Library, Pennsylvania. Andrews said that he had forgotten the formula.

Another version of the Andrews mystery states that he was found murdered in his home in 1937, and all of his notes and supply of green powder were missing. His sister allegedly took the notes and fled to Scotland, where she too was murdered only a year later.

**The fuel is produced with one pound of the reagent in 50 gallons of water. It burns clean and leaves no residue.**

**In one demonstration, a lawnmower ran for about 15 minutes on a small amount of Mota-treated water.**

The eminent journalist Tom Valentine, who has written numerous articles about suppressed technologies, once received a phone call from a man who claimed to be John Andrews, Jr. His innuendos could not be proved, of course:

"My aunt was killed, and then some of my relatives suddenly got rich; and I believe the process for making the powder is known, and the people who know are the Phillips Petroleum Company."

## **Guido Franch's Mota Granules**

The next person to demonstrate the conversion of water to fuel was Guido Franch, a former coalminer who tried for nearly 50 years to secure large financiers to fund his product. He, too, used a green powder to turn water into 105-octane fuel. He called it "Mota", which is "atom" spelled backwards.

Franch demonstrated Mota hundreds of times but never produced it commercially. He did, however, sell about 3000% of his rights to interested investors.

In 1973, Franch was subpoenaed to appear in Chicago's Federal Circuit Court

"with any records relating to the purchase or the proposed purchase of any fuel, fuel powder, or fuel formula" in his possession. He demonstrated his Mota transmutation in the presence of judges William Bauer and Philip Romiti, who believed what they saw, and Franch was acquitted of fraud charges.

The fuel is produced with one pound of the reagent in 50 gallons of water. It burns clean and leaves no residue. In one demonstration, a lawnmower ran for about 15 minutes on a small amount of Mota-treated water. An equal amount of gasoline lasted only three minutes. Mota fuel is very sensitive to sunlight, which will turn it back to water with a white powder residue.

Gary Bolz, a consultant on carburetion and fuel engineering, was able to test Mota with the help of chemists at Michigan State University and Havoline Chemical Laboratories. Bolz stated:

"The granules are dark olive green. As they enter water, they dissolve in a string of green, which begins to spread fiber-like throughout the water. As the water begins to react, there is a swirling effect. Reaction is complete in a few minutes. If the crystals are mixed in 1:1 ratio with water, the resulting fluid is highly explosive and can be detonated by a small shock. But it

isn't shock-sensitive when mixed at a normal ratio of one ounce of powder per half-gallon of water. The finished fuel is lighter than water."

Franch claimed that the manufacture of Mota was taught to him and others in 1925 by a German scientist named Alexander Kraft, who died in 1941. One pound of the green crystals can be produced from 25 pounds of coal at a cost of about US\$100.

Franch received about \$100,000 from small investors over a period of 40 years. He used that money to live on, and never manufactured any Mota. He received several serious offers from major investors, but his financial demands were unreasonable and nothing practical ever came of his demonstrations and negotiations.

## **Will the Secret be Rediscovered?**

It appears that we are obliged to continue buying and burning gasoline until some benevolent genius rediscovers the secret of extracting green crystals from coal and deigns to share it with us.

(Source: Robert A. Nelson, *Rex Research*, [www.rexresearch.com](http://www.rexresearch.com))



# HEALING WITH COHERENT EMISSIONS OF LIGHT

*When our physical and subtle bodies are communicating coherently, we resonate in harmony with our environment and the Cosmos.*

*Part 2 of 2*

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## THE MEANING OF BIOPHOTONS IN COLOUR THERAPY

**M**any of our current diseases can be traced back to the fact that we humans are moving beyond the natural limits of our energy field. The cause for many of the increasing number of new conditions and diseases, various allergies and especially depression can be found in the growing immune weakness in our cells, which communicate with each other via light energy. In the case of deficiency of light, a blockage of these processes is happening.

Daylight plays a central role as the external time cue in the control of biophotons but also in the control of our internal biorhythms. We absorb sunlight externally via our skin, eyes and also our acupuncture points. The electromagnetic frequency of our skin is significantly higher at our acupuncture points. These sites on our skin react much more strongly to daylight than do any other places on our skin. They open up much more easily in order to absorb sunlight but also colour radiation.

Radiation with coloured light influences the biophoton process as well. Photons excite the electrons, and these in turn jump onto a higher orbit and thus change the state of the atom and therefore also the state of the cell.

We also absorb light internally by eating food. And as we've already learned, there is definite proof that free range chickens produce more energetically vital eggs, and fresh vegetables or fruits show higher ultra-weak cell luminescence. Consequently we are eating more light when eating fresh foods.

Oxygen also plays an important role in photon emission. Deficiency in oxygen prevents ultra-weak cell luminescence; a total lack of oxygen completely stops cell radiation.<sup>18</sup>

Biophotons are at the gateway between mind and matter and therefore create a bridge between light from the mind and soul and where the life of the physical side is anchored. Thus the ancient understanding of light as the life force can now be re-interpreted in a completely different and new light.

It is possible to transport yourself to a 'higher' plane with the help of light. A more direct flow of information and communication in our body can be achieved by planning how to live life more actively from a different perspective. To make that happen, blockages or interferences within body, mind and soul need to be dissolved and integrated. This means, in fact, that you need to become more permeable to the direct flow of information and communication of coherent light. Colour therapy can be used to achieve this on both the spiritual and physical levels.

Schulze reported that blood samples from different patients showed a significantly different level of biophoton emission, as detected by Kirlian photography. This method is called *biophoton resonance spectroanalysis*.<sup>19</sup>

It is not yet accepted practice to support research that would concentrate on the meaning and function of a light network where our body, the environment, the Earth and the whole Universe all resonate. It has been left to complementary practitioners and researchers to detect this inner connection and interaction and treat people accordingly. At the moment, the mainstream focus is still on increasing specialisation. Colour therapy now faces the very same problem: whether to opt for specialisation or a spatially orientated approach. In Germany, many colour therapists are being trained in natural health training centres.

In colour therapy, specific organs and specific disorders and diseases are allocated a specific colour and the client is then treated according to this schematic. Colours can have either an exciting and stimulating or a calming and contracting, balancing and relaxing effect, but this is a generalisation. It is assumed that colours stand in direct connection with the occurring biochemical processes, although biophoton research is not yet able to tell us why the ultra-weak luminescent cell radiation is emitted as red, blue or green during certain specific processes.

The American researcher Dr Candace Pert already demonstrated in the 1970s that the link between neuropeptides (transmitters between the cells) is in direct connection with the emotions of the respective person, and emotional blockages are in direct relation to the development of disease.<sup>20</sup> In the meantime, an increasing number of researchers from psychoneuroimmunology have demonstrated the link between psyche and immune system, beyond any esoteric approaches.<sup>21</sup>

My many years of experience as a colour therapist have shown that it is of utmost importance to observe how the body and soul of a person are embedded in their environment. The colour therapist can treat the symptoms of a disease but can also look at the entire energy and resonance field and thus base the treatment on the vibrational field of a person. Focusing exclusively on treating the symptoms of a disease can alleviate acute conditions but does not solve the underlying disorders.

Most people in our Western industrial world are neither in tune with themselves nor with their environment. They are alienated and do not feel connected within their own body or to their own world. As a result, many diseases are linked to this sense of inner disconnection and detachment. This subject has been discussed for many years in the openminded humanities.

In an article about the British GP and mass murderer Dr Harold Shipman, Steven Morris wrote in the *Guardian*: "The theory is that as the human race in the 21st century thinks of itself increasingly as nothing more than a collection of physical bodies in an evermore materialistic society, then there will be individuals on the extremes who come to believe they are dealing not with people but with objects." Prof. David Canter, director of the Centre for Investigative Psychology in Liverpool, said about the Shipman case that it "could be a forerunner of cases to come".<sup>22</sup>

This inner detachment expresses itself primarily in the form of a general increase in depression and heart conditions but also auto-immune conditions and allergies. Depression has been classified as "the worldwide disease number one" by the World Health Organization. In cases like this we are dealing with a system of a lower 'order', which means that the interference between information and communication of detached and disoriented people is showing on all levels.

Using colour therapy it is possible to treat allergies, depression and heart problems successfully, but the conditions will recur again and again unless the client is able to create inner connections and therefore the necessary outer connections as well. Symptoms recur if the client is unable to connect to his world of experiences where he can feel in tune. Colour therapy—and the coherent field of biophotons—can support inner orientation both to oneself and the external environment.

Looking at the detailed explanation about models of the atom [see part 1], it is easy to see how vitally important our understanding and awareness of space and resonance actually are. We saw how important the vibrational embedding within a field is in coherent biophoton emission. These resonating wave fields play a crucial role in the vibrational interaction of atoms, molecules, cells and tissue. This is not a linear process but a coherent system of communication occurring on all levels simultaneously, hence the biophotons are in charge of biological regulation processes.

As biophotons are the bridge between the mind and the physical, it is safe to say that any blockages in mental and emotional areas will also affect the ultra-weak cell radiation. So far there has not been any research to investigate the direct link between ultra-weak cell radiation and the psychology of a person. The reason for this is that biophoton theory is still relatively new, and the work involved to demonstrate this would be very time-consuming and costly with current budgets.

There is no doubt that our wellbeing and hence our awareness are directly attributable to the vibration of the atoms and the ultra-weak cell radiation. In this context, awareness is being understood as an holistic process and not merely limited to the mental state, but is an expression of our being on all levels: physical, emotional, mental and spiritual.

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#### COLOUR THERAPY ASPECTS

Every colour has seven specific characteristics or elements which are effective on all levels:

- 1) physical or material element;
- 2) psychological element;
- 3) harmonising, connecting element;
- 4) vital, energy-emitting element;
- 5) communicating and healing element;
- 6) intuitive and stimulating element;
- 7) spiritual element of a higher consciousness.<sup>23</sup>

All these aspects are included in the training to become a colour therapist. The following topics are chosen for study:

- learning about the effect of the colours on all of these seven levels;
- getting to know and learn about various concepts of awareness;
- experiencing and getting to know the physical, emotional, mental as well as spiritual consciousness;
- studying the variety of different levels of consciousness;
- developing a spatial understanding of an inner and outer connective network;
- learning about the various concepts of the soul and viewing this in connection with colour;
- learning to perceive the resonance field of the individual within the framework of his entire being.

What also plays an essential role in colour therapy is learning to differentiate between *having* colour and *being* colour, to gradually create an awareness for colours—an awareness that can distinguish between colour used as a mere tool, i.e., a colour therapy approach based on 'static' colour rules, and colour as a representation of life energy, expressing the being of a person embedded in his vibrational field.

By learning about and experiencing the length, depth, width, density, form and shape of colours, we are also learning about the vibration of the respective space-time quality of colours. They are in a state of constant motion and change, and by accepting this state we can truly learn to immerse ourselves fully in the potential and meaning of colour.

When a colour therapist is choosing the treatment approach for a client, the level of awareness of the therapist plays a big role. The way he is connected and is aware of his own time-space continuum and how he relates to a wider coherence field is decisive. It makes quite a difference whether the client is seen as an individual or an expression of the whole field.

If we are in reality connected and linked, we are in contact and interactive with the overall picture. We can then obtain a similar kind of information about disease as did the shamans in ancient cultures. This does not mean that we should close our minds to modern sciences but, instead, try to place our current knowledge and scientific understanding in a wider framework from which we can then draw information. The information obtained in this manner can be verified scientifically.

If the colour therapist himself is feeling needy, unsatisfied or in deficit and has not got his 'own house' in order, his 'deficit' state will transfer onto:

- how he is going to approach the client;
- how he will perceive the diseases and disorders of the client;
- his choice of treatment;
- which inner and outer space he will allow the client; and
- how he can deal with the client without prejudice.

As a colour therapist I prefer balancing and strengthening the client's system before tackling issues the person dislikes or detests. Repressed experiences are by definition detestable to the person, otherwise they would not have been repressed.

However, colour therapy can also have contra-indications and destabilise people; e.g., it may bring repressed processes to light at a point in time when that person does not feel stable enough to handle them.

Such wrong decisions are less likely to be made if the colour therapist has been trained to develop an awareness of his own energy field as well as of the energy field of the person to be treated.

## THE EXPERIENCE OF COLOUR THERAPY

During a treatment with colour:

- The therapist works with the client on their favourite colour as well as on the colour they strongly dislike, and study the emotional, mental as well as spiritual meanings of these colours.
- The client will experience the effects of colours on his skin, i.e., density, speed, frequency and shape of a colour.
- The client will develop a spiritual link to each respective colour and learn how to change and influence this.
- The client will experience the inner vibration of colour and interaction with his organs by breathing in and singing colour; he will sense blockages in his body.
- The client will achieve and maintain an interaction instead of interference of body, mind and soul.

- All treatments and exercises are designed to help the client to learn how to start and how to maintain a coherent flow of information and communication within one's body.

- New synaptic links, neuropeptides and receptors are created to build up a coherent information and communication system within body, mind and soul.

The coherence of biophotons, the connection via neuropeptides or neurotransmitters, the principles of alchemy...in truth, the entire interrelation of our Universe—all this shows us how necessary it is to think and act holistically.

## THE NATURE OF AETHER

The word *aether* stems from the Greek and the original German term used to mean "heavenly air" or simply "heaven", whereas the Indian Sanskrit word for aether is *akasha* and means "space" or "dimension" as well as "the space in bones" and "cosmic intelligence". The word *ether* is also used as the name for a specific chemical compound.

In Greek philosophy, aether was the basic substance of everything. It was understood to be a medium that filled space in its entirety and was the carrier of light. For Descartes, aether was an invisible, room-filling medium. In the era of modern physics, aether has also been described as the medium by which other force-fields apart from light and heat are transmitted. Today's physical science knows four basic energy fields: the gravitational field, the electromagnetic field, as well as the strong and weak nuclear fields. It is assumed therefore that there is a further force-field—a fifth force—but this has not yet been discovered.

Aether was understood to be the translator and medium for gravity, the electrical fields and magnetic forces. But many scientific trials were unable to prove that aether was matter. But not all researchers agree with the fact that aether was declared nonexistent and an invalid theory by Einstein in 1905. It was believed at the time that no adequate series of experiments could be scheduled for testing the aether, and suitable testing equipment was not available.<sup>24, 25</sup>

How strong an impact the state of technology has on our understanding of reality can be illustrated by recent research results. Scientists from the Keck Observatory on Hawaii divided the glimmering light of the night side of Venus into its parts and discovered to their complete surprise a spectral line caused by atomic oxygen. They also found light originating from oxygen molecules.<sup>26</sup> The light was radiating in green, and so far the scientists have no explanation for their discovery. Until recently, life on Venus was considered impossible because oxygen was lacking in the atmosphere.

The *Guardian* ran a report last February on a new clue to a "Star Trek version of the universe".<sup>27</sup> Using a new form of spectral analysis of light, it was possible to prove the existence of iron in about 50 per cent of the stars in the galaxy. Professor Norman Murray studied the spectrum of 640 stars that are similar to the Sun and discovered that 466 of these stars contain iron and thus resemble essentially the make-up of Earth. There are about 100 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy and we only know of about 100 billion galaxies. Prof. Murray commented on his results:

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"Up to this point there has been no indication [of extraterrestrial life]. No, one other indication is that we haven't got any signals from somebody out there. We are just making this argument by analogy. It happened in our solar system. We see the same signature [as on Earth] in these other solar systems. And we just conclude that that seems like a likely possibility, that those systems look like ours."

Fifteen years after he discarded it, Einstein took up the aether theory again and defended it very vigorously. Till this day, his change of mind has left most scientists untouched, and remains virtually unknown even after 80 years! The existence of aether cannot be proved and thus the aether is declared nonexistent!

Nevertheless, some unconventional theoretical physicists keep on looking into the subject and try to verify the existence of aether. A new generation of quantum researchers is now speaking of an interconnected space-time continuum. They view this space as a plenum filled with energy, and have named it *reticular space-time*. This dynamic sub-quantum field is in a virtual state, according to current knowledge.

Many quantum physics researchers assume that this active, dynamic, sub-quantum field is in fact what various ancient cultures and traditions understood as the aether. This field, also called the *quantum vacuum*, is considered to be the source of all matter. Mainstream physics now realises that a vacuum is far from empty, but that which fills it is not called aether but *virtual particles*.<sup>28</sup> This means that virtual particles from this quantum vacuum may enter our visible physical world, influence and change it, only to return to the quantum vacuum as virtual particles.

The quantum vacuum lets virtual particles become matter whenever the dynamics within the area of virtual particles get excited, meaning they become *too* active and create a crisis. Whenever the virtual

particles are in a state of abundance, the quantum vacuum then creates 'pairs' of particles and anti-particles. But at the same time, the quantum vacuum also has the function of 'cleansing' or acting as a 'waste bin'—because in situations of crisis the anti-matter particles (the twins of the matter particles) are sucked back into a black hole to restore the balance between matter and anti-matter.

Particles are grouped symmetrically, according to the quantum physics model. They resemble the symmetrical bodies of Plato's teachings. "If you wanted to compare current particle physics with any former philosophy, it would have to be the philosophy of Plato."<sup>29</sup>

Some scientists think that the aether is a very fine, special gas which reacts in the same manner as that known in hydrodynamics. Spiral rings consisting of aether (gas) form electrons, protons and neutrons, according to these researchers. However, if you assume the existence of aether, it is possible to calculate spatially and prove the electrical charges in an atom in a different way. Many physical processes, especially those of endophysics, or physics from within,<sup>30</sup> can thus be seen in a different spatial context. It makes it much easier to explain and calculate their motion and vibrational behaviour,<sup>31</sup> and most of all it corresponds much better with our complex reality. That would make even the newest above-described atomic model quite redundant and create an opportunity to develop other models which correspond much more closely to reality. The physics of the aether is the physics of the future.<sup>32</sup>

Endophysics researches the spiral motion of gases so these can be interpreted by new generations of computers. Here again, everything is about information and communication and the interface between information and matter, as in our body.

Several points about aether have now been illustrated:

- Aether can be understood as a gas which will react according to the laws of hydrodynamics.
- Aether stands synonymous with vacuum.
- Virtual particles are within the aether vacuum.
- Aether is what is being described as the space-time continuum by quantum scientists.
- Aether hence has a dual nature, and is both abundance and vacuum at the same time.

Concepts of new thinking are possible due to the interactions of the biophotons and their spatial link to aether. Ultraviolet photons (490 nm) can divide spontaneously into two infrared photons (780 nm). It is possible to transfer or 'beam' properties of a light particle coherently—that is, simultaneously transfer those properties onto another, more distant, particle. This process is mainly used in teleportation.<sup>33</sup>

Today, twin photons are already used in radionics. Two

computers are set up in different locations, each having one of the twin photons. Data transmission takes place in the sending computer onto one of the twin photons and onto the receiving computer where the second twin photon is positioned. They receive the data simultaneously because both twin photons are in coherent contact with each other, regardless of the distance between the sending and the receiving computer.<sup>34</sup>

We experience the same coherent process as we do when the body

absorbs or emits light. However, in this case, the transmission is totally independent of any spatial distance.

A continuation of this technology means that the *Star Trek* vision of "Beam me up, Scotty!" could soon become reality, especially if the transmission quality of aether can be included scientifically.

## THE QUANTUM CONNECTION

But how are the findings of quantum physics, the element of aether and colour therapy connected? Consider these points.

• Embedded in aether you find what are called the "akashic records" in Indian philosophy. Stored here is all the information about a person, their background and their personal experiences as well as about the experiences of other people.

• The aether enables access to the personal resonance fields of a person.

• Should the existence of aether be negated in our consciousness, it will be very difficult to gain access to this information.

• Although the information exists, it is not accessible at all times. If and how it can be accessed depends on the interaction between the levels of consciousness of both colour therapist and client.

• The biochemical process of our thoughts in the brain can be proved by physics, thus confirming that thoughts are transformed into matter. But thoughts also belong to the world of virtual particles.

**How are the findings of quantum physics, the element of aether and colour therapy connected?**



• If we are using too much energy in thinking, we create a pre-dominance of activity on the mental level and cause an imbalance in our body. According to the principles of Chinese medicine, this might lead to a weakness in the spleen. Colour therapy can restore such imbalance.

• Perhaps in time there will be a similar awareness about the space-time continuum as we already have about colour. "It is generally assumed that the quality of colour from objects as we experience them today is not a property of that object but rather a quality of our psychological perception which, according to classical physics, belongs to the electromagnetic waves."<sup>35</sup>

Colours must occur in all fields, including the aether field, and virtual particles must express themselves as colours. It would be highly interesting to see if science could prove how virtual and 'real' matter particles pair in colour, and what type of interactions occur in that area.

The results of 'twin photons' experiments are also very exciting for colour therapy because they give evidence of the effects of absent healing, which has been practised by healers for thousands of years, they mirror the interconnection of mankind on different levels, and they prove the network of all living forms, organic and inorganic.

• Genetic research has proved that man originates from very few progenitors. Thus we resemble each other much more than we previously anticipated. We can therefore conclude that the genetic information is probably transmitted via light and hence can also be influenced by light. Human genes differ from those of other mammals by only one per cent, so we can conclude that man resembles animals much more than we would like to admit in our individualistic culture.

However, this also means that photons with the same or similar frequency must recognise each other. There

must be a recognition between the ultra-weak cell luminescence of a person and that of another person. Therefore there must be a recognition between organs vibrating on a similar level. This resonance might be the real reason for our likes and dislikes!

One medical organisation, Network Spinal Analysis, is already basing its work on the principle of resonance. Its members are chiropractors with a nine-year-long medical training including further specialisation. These practitioners concentrate on working with the consciousness and diseases of the spine.<sup>36</sup> Although they will treat each spine separately, they assume that by influencing one single spine this will affect the whole resonance field of spines worldwide, as the overall field of consciousness will have changed. Thus it will be much easier for other spines to find a healing form that corresponds to their own level.

This resonance field is aether. Aether is the basic building block, so to speak, for all matter which is created and dies. It is the cauldron of nature. Our perception is not a mirror of nature, but existing information translated by our personal perception into something which is much easier for us to understand personally.

Having access to the aether energy field opens up an additional spectrum for perception. It is possible to widen and enlarge our field of resonance. Moreover, it is also possible to perceive the resonance fields of clients in a much wider light, which in turn means that we are less likely to see the client purely through our

own eyes but are actually able to see him in the context of his own energy and light field.

## TOWARDS COHERENT COMMUNICATION

All previous explanations have shown that the coherent processes of biophotons on the atomic level find a correspondence in the overall information and communication processes of the body as well as in the Cosmos. Depending on our personal disposition, we will only perceive those parts of the complex reality that are in resonance with us.

We are living in an era where there is a strong emphasis on rational-thinking people—a generation of people whose highest aim is to organise and structure their life by controlling it in a very orderly way with their mind. In the last 60 years or so since Sigmund Freud's death, we have learned what an important role our emotions play in our lives. This area has often been neglected and, as a result, we often see this neglect manifested in emotional outbursts or the outbreak of disease. Even if this neglect is unconscious, it still has an effect on our concept of life. In a sense we then have a similar situation as we have with the virtual particles of the quantum vacuum: if there is

too much activity going on on one side of the system, this will automatically affect the other side. This changes the entire balance and a person may become ill.

People controlled by their mind tend to experience emotions via their mind. Experience has shown that it takes a long time for this mind-body barrier to be broken down and for these people to be able to make direct contact with their emotions and body. However, these achievements are the prerequisites for overcoming any form of inner detachment and disconnectedness.

Inner detachment and disconnectedness are primarily a result of the alien-

ation of man who no longer sees himself embedded in the overall web of Earth and Cosmos. This is reflected in how man is treating the Earth today. We have to fight for a surviving habitat for our species. Older cultures were much wiser in this respect and cooperated with the interactive processes of Earth and Cosmos.

Today, diseases are primarily treated with 'coarse' methods like tablets, clinical compounds that interfere with the structure of molecules, radiation therapy, surgery and so on. However, on the other hand, inroads are being made with complementary therapies such as Ayurveda, Chinese medicine, homeopathy and radionics which act on very subtle energy levels and work with the body's resonant field so as to restore a balance within the body.

Light and colour therapy address only the body's own healing power. But, once flowing, this will also have an influence beyond the body of the individual person: it will also affect his coherent environment and thus the Earth and the Cosmos in turn.

Implementing the afore-outlined connections and interactions of the coherent field of light and colour will help us gradually to change our current 'repair' type of medicine to a more intelligent form which can work as a coherent communication and information medicine and thus be effective on a preventive level.

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# THE BUNYIP MYSTERY

*The large aquatic animals seen in Australia's inland water systems by Aborigines and European pioneers may have been remnant megafauna from Pleistocene times.*

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## EARLY SIGHTINGS IN VICTORIA

During a very hot January in 1982 I was staying with a friend, Lee Kelly, his mother, Heather, and his grandmother at their farm at Macarthur near the Eumeralla River in western Victoria. Lee's grandmother had spent much of her life on the farm and while reminiscing about life on the land mentioned the bunyip that once lived on the property. It inhabited a large swamp that was connected to the Eumeralla River during times of flood.

She had never actually observed the animal itself and did not even regard it as anything particularly unusual, for she had long grown accustomed to its strange roaring call at night—until the swamp was eventually drained and turned into pasture. I asked her if she had ever seen a brown bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*), a secretive, solitary bird with streaky variegated brown and buff plumage that enables it to hide and nest in the dense cumbungi reed beds. I told her that it has a voice like a deep, distant foghorn and has a double "woomph-woomph" call. She replied that she had not observed or even heard of such a bird and did not believe that it was the call that she was once familiar with. She knew only of the creature's haunting roaring call and that it was known as a "bunyip".

Sixty-three kilometres north of Macarthur I stayed overnight at the historic Bunyip Hotel in the town of Cavendish. I asked the publican how the hotel had received its name and he replied that it had been named after an animal that once lived in the nearby Dundas River, though he had no idea what the animal looked like.

Some time afterwards I discovered that the respected Australian Museum scientist Gilbert Whitley had written an article, published in the *Australian Museum Magazine* in March 1940, entitled "Mystery Animals of Australia",<sup>1</sup> in which he noted that a large brown animal with a kangaroo-like head, a large mouth and an elongated neck with a long shaggy mane had been reported in 1848 to live in the Eumeralla River near Port Fairy.

An early settler, Mr I. Best, and his son were recorded as having observed in the Merri River near Warrnambool in either 1844 or 1845 a large black hairy animal 10 feet (3 metres) long, which Best believed to feed on the "rank herbage" by the river and which made a terrible noise at night in the swamps, "enough to frighten the strongest nerves, similar to a bullock having a dreadful cough".

Whitley further recorded similar descriptions by the Aboriginal people of the Port Phillip district of an aquatic animal with a body that varied from the size of a calf up to a bullock. It had an elongated neck and head, resembling an emu, with a mane like a horse, flippers like a seal and a horse-like tail, and they knew it as the *tunatpan*.

The first European known to have lived in Victoria was the convict William Buckley, who escaped from the earliest settlement under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Collins in 1803. Buckley was a stonemason turned soldier who was apparently falsely arrested during an army uprising. After his escape, the settlement was abandoned and he lived for 32 years with the Wothowurong Aboriginal people in the Geelong area until the next attempt by Europeans to settle Victoria in 1835. He guided the first settlers around the district, described the cultural life of the tribal peoples that inhabited the land and gave information on the plants and animals. He also described his attempts to identify the large unknown aquatic animals that he often observed:<sup>2</sup>

"...in this lake [Modewarre] as well as in most of the others inland, and in the deep-water rivers [including the Barwon], is a very extraordinary amphibious

animal, which the natives call Bun-yip, of which I could never see any part except the back, which appeared to be covered with feathers of a dusky-grey colour. It seemed to be about the size of a full-grown calf, and sometimes larger. The creatures only appear when the weather is very calm and the water smooth. I could never learn from any of the natives that they had seen either the head or tail, so that I could not form a correct idea of their size, or what they were like. When alone I several times attempted to spear a Bun-yip; but had the natives seen me do so it would have caused great displeasure. And again, had I succeeded in killing, or even wounding one, my own life would probably have paid the forfeit; they considering the animal something supernatural."

The Wergaia language people who inhabited the northwestern portion of Victoria, bounded by Dimboola, Lake Albacutya, Yanac and Warracknabeal, knew of two different kinds of bunyip. One species they called a *banib* (pronounced "bunnip"), which resembled a large black pig and lived in Lake Hindmarsh; while a second species was named *banip-ba-gunuwar* ("bunyip and swan"), which was also large and dark but with an elongated neck, and lived in Lake Albacutya.<sup>3</sup>

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However, further drawings of the two species by Aboriginal artists have come down to us in Brough Smyth's *The Aborigines of Victoria* (1878).<sup>5</sup> One of these drawings was the work of an unnamed Murray River Aborigine in 1848 and depicts the pig-like *banib*. The other drawing was the work of Kurruk, under the direction of a tribal elder of the people of Western Port, and depicts the second bunyip species, described as having a head and neck like an emu and known in their language as a *too-roo-don*. This type of bunyip was said to have four legs, each with three emu-like webbed toes, though the drawing has only two emu-like legs.

#### EARLY SIGHTINGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Further north in New South Wales, explorers and settlers were also reporting their sightings of large, unknown, aquatic animals.

On 5 April 1818, explorers Hamilton Hume and James Meehan found skulls and bones on the edge of Lake Bathurst, 40 kilometres south of the present city of Goulburn, which they believed came from an animal that they thought may have been a native hippopotamus or perhaps a freshwater dugong. The Philosophical Society of Australasia offered to reimburse Hume for any expenses incurred if he would return to the lake to obtain a specimen.<sup>6</sup>

In a letter to the *Sydney Gazette* of 27 March 1823, a new

settler, E. S. Hall, who later became Coroner and founder of the Bank of New South Wales, stated that in November 1821 in Lake Bathurst, a small body of water surrounded by a much larger area of reed beds, he heard and saw an aquatic animal:<sup>7</sup>

"One fine morning in November 1821, I was walking by the side of the marsh which runs into Lake Bathurst, when my attention was attracted by a creature casting up the water and making a noise, in sound resembling a porpoise, but shorter and louder: the head only was out of the water. At the distance I stood it had the appearance of a bull-dog's head, but perfectly black; the head floated about as though the animal was recreating itself; it cut up the water behind, but the quantity thrown up evinced neither strength nor bulk; it remained about five minutes, and then disappeared. I saw it at a greater distance afterwards, when it wore the same appearance."

He went on to describe how his overseer had shot one at daybreak after it rose from the water and lay at full length, measuring 1.5 metres long, on the reeds and it then rolled over and disappeared. Other sightings of the animal were consequently made, but no shots were fired. However, he obtained another good view of the animal in the summer of the following year:<sup>8</sup>

"In December last, Mr Forbes and I were bathing at the eastern end of the lake, where an arm runs among the honeysuckles. As I was dressing, a creature, at a distance of about 130 or 150 yards [117 to 135 metres], suddenly presented itself to my view; it had risen out of the water before I perceived it, and was then gliding on the smooth surface with the rapidity of a whale-boat, as it appeared to me at the time. Its neck was long, apparently about three feet [0.9 metre] out of the water, and about the thickness of a man's thigh; the colour a jet black; the head was rather smaller in circumference than the neck and appeared surrounded by black flaps which

seemed to hang down, and gave it a most novel and striking appearance. The body was not to be seen; but, from the rippling of the water, I judged it to be longer than the neck. After it had continued for 300 yards [274 m], I turned to ascertain if Mr Forbes had also seen it, and on looking again it had dived and was seen no more."

Further sightings of this long-necked species were reported from New South Wales by the explorer William Hovell in his travels along the Murrumbidgee River. He was told by the different tribes of Aboriginal people he encountered of an aquatic animal that they referred to as *katempai*, *kinepratia* and *tanatbah*, according to their different tribal languages.

Although their names for the animal were different, the descriptions were very similar. Each time it was described as being an aquatic animal with a body up to the size of a bullock, with an elongated neck and head resembling an emu, a mane that

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extended from the head to the shoulders, a horse-like tail, four legs and three flipper-like webbed toes on each foot.

Hovell must have been fascinated with the idea of an unknown species of large aquatic mammal and wrote an article for the *Sydney Morning Herald* that was published on 9 February 1847, entitled "The apocryphal animal of the interior of New South Wales".<sup>9</sup>

One such animal was subsequently said to have been killed by the Aboriginal people of the lower Murrumbidgee. A local settler, Athol T. Fletcher, heard about it, visited the site near Balranald and found a strange skull, with blood, membranes and ligaments still attached, that measured 23 centimetres in length. Although the top of the cranium, the front of the snout and the lower jaw were missing, having been chewed at by dingos, all the Aboriginal people to whom he showed the skull confirmed that it was in fact the skull of a *katempai* and that the missing front of the jaw would have supported two downward-projecting large tusks.

Fletcher showed the skull to William Hovell who then wrote to the *Sydney Morning Herald*, which on 19 February 1847 published his letter describing the discovery of a bunyip's skull. Fletcher then took the skull to Melbourne and showed it to Governor La Trobe, who described it as having a long bill-like snout, the forehead rising abruptly, the eyes placed very low, strong grinding teeth and a very large brain cavity. The anatomists Dr Hobson and Mr Greeves examined it, and then it was sent to the biologist Ronald Gunn in Launceston, Tasmania. Dr James Grant described it in the *Tasmanian Journal of Natural Science* (January 1847) as a young, possibly even foetal (stillborn or miscarried) bunyip and said that the arrangement of the head and teeth were unlike anything he was familiar with.

The skull was then returned to New South Wales and given to Sir Charles Nicholson, Speaker of the Legislative Council in Sydney, who handed it over to the naturalist William S. Macleay, who exhibited it in the Colonial Museum (now the Australian Museum) as the skull of a bunyip. Macleay eventually decided that it was actually the skull of a deformed colt and a drawing of it was sent to Sir Richard Owen, curator of the Hunterian Museum in London, who thought that it was a calf.<sup>10</sup> The skull eventually disappeared, probably having been thrown out as nothing more than the remains of a domestic animal, even though various anatomists were unable to identify it as such.

However, a description of the living animal appeared in the Melbourne Argus on 29 June 1847, written by George Hobler, a settler at Nap Nap on the Murrumbidgee, to William Hovell. It described how in May 1847, near Oxley, a white man had observed what the Aboriginal people of that district called a *kinepratia* on a cattle station owned by Mr Tyson, situated 20

kilometres from the junction of the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee rivers, at a time of extensive flooding:<sup>11</sup>

"The Lachlan when flooded spreads its waters over an immense extent of lowland, covered with reeds, through which the water finds its way to the junction with the Murrumbidgee. There is on the edge of this large reed bed, about 12 miles from the junction, a cattle station, recently settled by a Mr Tyson: the river has been overflowing these reed beds for some months past.

"Well, some few weeks ago, an intelligent lad in Tyson's employ, who was in search of the milking cows on the edge, and just inside this reed bed, where there are occasional patches of good grass, came suddenly, in one of these openings, upon an animal grazing, which he thus describes: it was about as big as a six-month-old calf, of a dark brown colour, a long neck and long pointed head; it

had large ears, which it pricked up when it perceived him; had a thick mane of hair from the head down the neck, and two large tusks; he turned to run away, and this creature equally alarmed ran off too, and from the glances he took of it, he described it as having an awkward shambling gallop; the fore-quarters of the animal were very large in proportion to the hindquarters, and it had a large tail, but whether he compared it to a horse or a bullock I do not recollect; he took two men to the place next morning to look for its tracks, which they describe as broad and square, somewhat like the spread hand of a man would make in soft muddy ground. The lad had never heard of the *kinepratia*, and yet his descriptions in some



Emu-headed bunyip, illustrated by Sarah Stevens.  
(Source: Josie Flett's book, *A History of Bunyips, Australia's Great Mystery Water Beasts*, Free Spirit Press, 1999)

respects tally with that of aborigines, who pretend to have seen them, so that I am inclined to think there is one of these extraordinary animals still living within a few miles of me, and I cannot but entertain a hope of being some day fortunate enough to come in contact with one, and, if so, I shall do my best to bring him home with me.

"Captain Hovell, who communicates Mr Hobler's letter to the *Herald*, gives a similar description of another live specimen seen by a shepherd on the Murrumbidgee"

Following is that portion of the letter published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 16 June 1847 that included the shepherd's sighting:<sup>12</sup>

"While he was standing on the bank of the Murrumbidgee, he saw something (similar in appearance to the one mentioned in the accompanied letter) rise suddenly out of the middle of the stream, that it showed, as he supposes, about half of its figure, and that while in the act of shaking itself,

it caught sight of him and instantly disappeared, but although the time could not have exceeded a few moments, he saw sufficient to enable him to describe it to me, and which nearly agrees with what I have been told by the Aborigines."

### A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BUNYIP

On 19 December 1853, the Melbourne *Argus* published an article entitled "The Bunyip of South Australia", which stated:<sup>13</sup>

"A gentleman writing from Rocky River, near Mount Remarkable, under date of 15th instant, says: 'About four nights ago I was camped close to a large and exceedingly deep waterhole here... I was startled by hearing a curious noise in the water. I jumped up and looked towards the place from which the noise seemed to proceed, and as the moon was very bright I was enabled to perceive a large blackish substance advancing towards the bank and which, as it approached, raised itself out of the water. I crept towards it, and perceived that it had a large head and a neck something like that of a horse, with thick bristly hair. I suppose it must have seen me for it proceeded down the river, keeping a few yards from the bank towards which it made again nearly abreast of my horse, which no sooner saw it than it made a rush, breaking the tether rope and bolting. The noise occasioned by the horse running away caused my strange visitor to disappear immediately, in consequence of which I had not an opportunity of examining it more minutely. From what I saw of it, however, I should think its entire length would be from fifteen to eighteen feet [4.5 to 5.5 metres]."

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### SIGHTINGS OF SEALS AND SEAL-LIKE BUNYIPS

This next article on the bunyip appeared in the *Moreton Bay Free Press* of 15 April 1857, describing the observations of Mr Stocqueler, a naturalist who was exploring the Murray and Goulburn rivers in NSW in early 1857 in a canvas boat:<sup>14</sup>

"Mr Stocqueler informs us that the bunyip is a large fresh-water seal, having two small paddles or fins attached to the shoulders, a long swan-like neck, a head like a dog, and a curious bag hanging under the jaw, resembling the pouch of a pelican. The animal is covered with hair like a platypus, and the colour is glossy black. Mr Stocqueler saw no less than six of the curious animals at different times; his boat was within thirty feet [9 m] of one, near McGuire's Point, on the Goulburn, and [he] fired at the bunyip, but did not succeed in capturing him. The smallest appeared to be about five feet [1.5 m] in length, and the largest exceeded fifteen feet [4.5 m]. The head of the largest was the size of a bullock's head and three feet out of the water."

He went on to state that he had observed them travelling at a speed of seven knots against the current and had drawn pictures of them, which he showed to local Aboriginal people who described the drawings as the "bunyip's brother"—perhaps meaning a

duplicate or likeness of the bunyip.

Most serious bunyip researchers have come to the conclusion that there were indeed two species of bunyip inhabiting the south-eastern portion of the continent ranging from South Australia up into southeastern Queensland. Different witnesses only rarely reported the long-necked species, whereas there were many sightings of the short-necked species which was described as pig-like, dog-like, seal-like and otter-like. The latter species was also regularly reported in Tasmania. These sightings may well have been of seals that had made their way up into rivers and lakes, for the descriptions are always of a seal-like character: glossy black fur, dog- or seal-like head and flippers.

In 1863, Charles Headlam and his son Anthony, while rowing on Great Lake in Tasmania, had a close encounter with the animal:<sup>15</sup>

"...my oar nearly came in contact with a large-looking beast about the size of a fully developed sheep dog...it appeared to have two small flappers, or wings, which it made good use of..."

Francis McPartland also observed these animals in Great Lake in 1868 and described three or four of them, dark in colour with round heads like a bulldog and 90 to 120 centimetres in length, swimming around in pairs with their heads and occasionally their shoulders above the surface of the water.<sup>16</sup>

Back on the mainland in New South Wales, the *Wagga Wagga Advertiser* of April 1872 reported the observations of a dog-like bunyip known to the Aboriginal people as the *waa-wee* and seen many times in Midgeon Lagoon, 26 kilometres north of Narrandera:<sup>17</sup>

"The animal was about half as long again as an ordinary retriever dog, the hair all over its body black and shining, its coat was very long—the hair spreading out on the surface of the water for about five inches, and floating loosely as the creature rose and fell by its own motion. I could not detect any tail, and the hair about its head was too long and glossy to admit to my seeing its eyes; the ears were well marked."

One of the few descriptions of the seal-like bunyip observed out of the water was by Captain Sam Southwell, near Canberra in the late 1800s, who noted that its rear end had fins or flippers, as retold by John Gale, founder of the *Queanbeyan Age* newspaper:<sup>18</sup>

"He was riding along the banks of the Murrumbidgee River, somewhere above Cusack's Crossing, when he saw a strange animal of proportions akin to those of a three-month-old calf, basking on a sandbank on the water's edge. The clatter of his horse's hoofs on the stony ground beneath its feet disturbed the creature, which at once wriggled, rather than walked, into the deep water and disappeared. The rider, dismounting from his steed, descended afoot to the place where this strange animal had been basking, and examined closely its trail. This had the appearance of fins or flippers, and not of feet, visible to the water's very edge."

Pioneer and veteran cattleman T. Hall observed one of these animals at the junction of Swan Creek and Gap Creek on the

Darling Downs during the 1860s or 1870s:<sup>19</sup>

"From the first, the blackfellows of the 'Blucher' tribe were unanimous in their descriptions of the 'Mochel Mochel', which in a way corresponded with that of an otter, also that it was only to be found in and about deep permanent waterholes; further, that it was a very shy animal which required great cunning and stealth to get a glimpse of, owing to its quickness and alertness. I was told that it could both see and hear underwater. That was particularly the case as regards anything moving about the bank, in the vicinity of its home; further, that it could produce sounds under the water... I heard a piercing kind of a scream similar to that uttered by a female in terrible distress... Much to my surprise I saw an animal similar to a low-set sheep dog, the colour of a platypus, head and whiskers resembling an otter, passing from the shallow water over a strip of dry land to the deep water."

Seals were actually shot on a number of occasions, far up freshwater rivers. In 1850, Mr E. J. Dunn, director of the Geological Survey of Victoria, watched along with several

other people a group of seals swimming up the flooded Murrumbidgee River near Gundagai, 1,200 kilometres from the sea.<sup>20</sup> Also in 1850, a seal was shot, and it was mounted and displayed for many years in the Carnago Hotel in New South Wales, 1,500 kilometres from the sea and well away from the main watercourses. In 1859, a three-metre-long leopard seal with a platypus in its belly was taken in the Shoalhaven River. Mr R. E. Day, chairman of the South Australian Pastoral Board, saw and identified a seal 400 kilometres up the Murray River at Overland Corner in 1890.

In the early 1930s, a seal was stranded in a lagoon in the riverine swamps of the Murray River between Renmark and Loxton, 500 kilometres from the sea.<sup>21</sup> A Canberra fishing writer, John Turnbull, reported that a seal had been shot near Deniliquin in 1951.<sup>22</sup>

The building of dams and other artificial obstructions may well have put an end to stray seals venturing far up our waterways and then being reported as bunyips. However, sightings of large and mysterious water creatures continued up until late into the 20th century in some localities. The Bunyip of Lismore in far northeastern NSW was frequently observed in a large lagoon as late as 1971, feeding on waterfowl. It was described as very seal-like, with a dog-like head with small ears.<sup>23</sup>

### QUEENSLAND ENCOUNTERS

Further north across the border in the Gold Coast hinterland in southeastern Queensland, the 800 hectares of lagoons and swamps stretching from Mudgeeraba to Burleigh Heads had a very long tradition of bunyips.

In 1887, Carl Lenz searched the swamps for two bunyips that he regularly heard calling half a mile apart. He also gathered reports from other settlers of encounters with bunyips. Mat Heeb was duck-shooting on the Nerang River in 1886 and observed an animal with a very large rough mane and a long bushy tail that dived into water weeds at the edge of a lagoon. Joe Daly also encountered a bunyip that year when he was camped beside Merrymac Swamp and described an animal that "had a big, ugly draffhorse's head, rough mane and coat and a powerful voice, part bark, part grunt and part roar". Lenz also described how a friend, Lionel Brown, came face to face with a bunyip on the land. He described it as a four-legged animal with a big ugly head, a big

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mouth full of sharp teeth, a shaggy mane, a rough coat and an enormous rough long bushy tail. It opened its mouth and snarled at him and, of course, he turned and ran for his life. His sister Faith took their father's military Marting rifle and fired at it from the road the next day. It dived and was not seen again. Lenz eventually saw a saltwater crocodile in these wetlands and believed that it was responsible for the bunyip stories.<sup>24</sup>

Another bunyip was observed on the Nerang-Carrara Road during flooding around about 1903. This

was one of the long-necked, horse-like bunyips, a shy creature that dived back into the Nerang River when it was disturbed. In 1925, Mrs Valmai Natlock heard two bunyips calling from the swamps almost every night behind Burleigh. In 1965 at Gilston, neighbouring dairy farmers Tommy Hinde and Billy Hill both heard barking, roaring calls and found the nearby river churned up with mud splashed high up the riverbanks. A woman reported that she had seen a shaggy black-haired animal attack a dog in the river and throw it out of the water.<sup>25</sup>

Perhaps the final appearance of the bunyip in southeast Queensland was in August 1986 when a group of teenagers camping in swampland adjacent to Currumbin Creek fled in terror from



*Palorchestes azael*, illustrated by Peter Schouten.  
(Source: *Prehistoric Animals of Australia*, Australian Museum, Sydney, 1983)

a bear-like animal with a high-pitched scream. The *Gold Coast Bulletin* published a clear photo of the tracks that measured 5 cm by 5 cm and a description of the animal by two of the witnesses, Jason Turner and Grant Thrower, then aged fifteen. "There is no way it was a wild dog. It was really weird and had a high-pitched scream. It looked like a small bear, moved on all fours and had a hump on its back," said Grant Thrower.

"We have been coming here to this area for about a year and a half and I have never seen anything like this," added Jason Turner. "After fleeing the camp and boarding the boat, I shone the torch and saw two big orange eyes. I guess the creature was one metre high and a metre wide. It terrified us."<sup>26</sup>

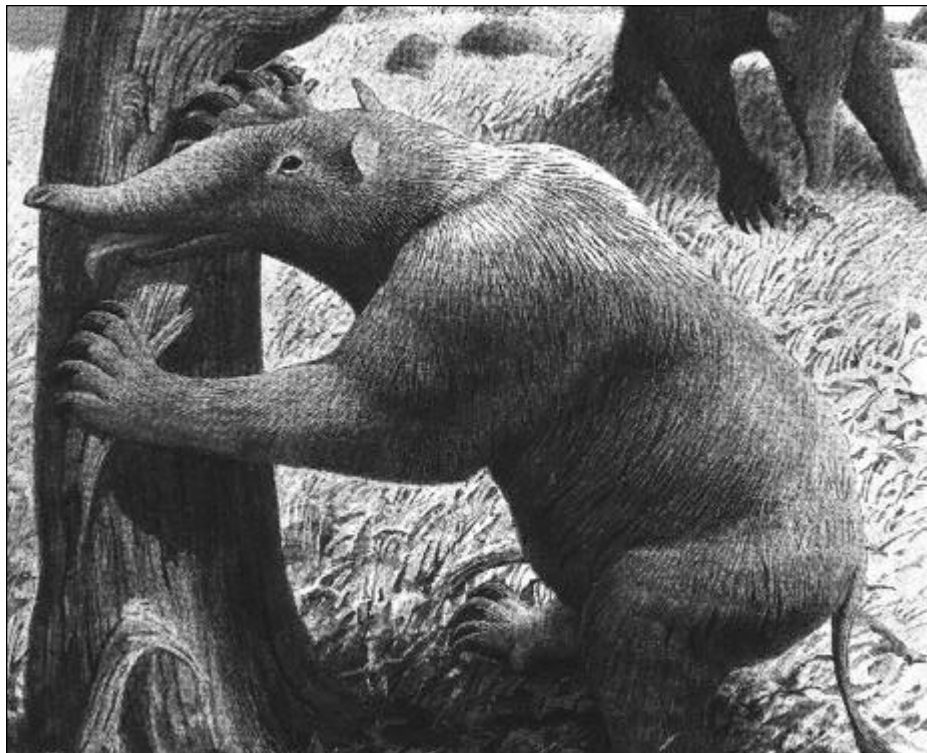
### IS THE MACQUARIE RIVER BUNYIP STILL LURKING?

So, the bunyip may have survived into recent times and there is a remote possibility that it may still lurk within a 200-kilometre stretch of the Macquarie River between Wellington and Warren and in the Macquarie Marshes in NSW.

The late Jack Mitchell, who ran a garage in Warne Street, Wellington, had settled on a river-frontage property at Dubbo after the Second World War and became interested in the bunyip after several of his neighbours claimed to have observed them. He advertised for information and received dozens of reports between 1947 and 1973 from Aborigines, graziers and tourists, describing the animals sunbaking on the riverbank, swimming against the current and thrashing about in the water.

Following a tradition since 1847, the bunyip once again raised its head above water, perhaps for the last time, to be described as a living member of our unique fauna in a *Sydney Morning Herald* article, this one dated 20 April 1973. Jack Mitchell was quoted as saying:<sup>27</sup>

"In every case the animal is the same. It swims in the river, makes a fearful noise, has a head like a calf and tremendous strength. Aborigines have told me it flails the water to foam and easily bursts through their fishing nets."



*Palorchestes azael*, illustrated by Frank Knight.

(Source: *Kadimakara: Extinct Vertebrates of Australia*, Pioneer Design Studio, Victoria, 1985)

Unfortunately, all the maps and reports that Jack collected have gone missing since his passing, and these need to be retrieved if possible to honour the work of this fine gentleman and to increase our knowledge of an Australian icon. Whether the Macquarie River Bunyip was a member of the herbivorous, horse-necked, maned bunyips or the carnivorous, black dog-like bunyips is also unknown. There is the possibility that the black dog-like bunyip was an unclassified native aquatic predator, though there is no record of such an animal in the fossil record.

### THE "TRUE" BUNYIP: A MEGAFUNA REMNANT?

If you visit the Australian Museum in Sydney and walk through the Aboriginal cultural display, you can sit within an artificial cave adorned with rock art and listen to the tape-recorded voice of an Aboriginal man talking about his own encounter with a bunyip. He describes the warnings he received from his elders, that the bunyip ambushed prey at the water's edge at dusk, especially when a light wind was blowing. He then describes how he went to the place where the bunyip was known to hunt and observed what he describes as a giant black water rat-like animal.

So, although straying seals were probably responsible for most of the more common black dog-like bunyip sightings, we still have the mystery of the less common, long-necked, maned, tusked, horse-tailed bunyip. This "true bunyip", the bunyip of William Buckley, the Eumeralla River Bunyip near Port Fairy, the *tinatpan* of the Port Phillip district and the *katempai*, *kinpratia* and *tanatbah* of the Murrumbidgee River that William Howell, the earliest cryptozoologist, searched for, is still unidentified.

Unlike the black dog-like bunyip which no doubt fed on fish, was observed to take waterfowl and may even at times have attacked humans, the true bunyip was a shy, herbivorous animal. We know from the few observations that it was a grazing animal that generally left the water only at night. Its two large downward-pointing tusks (no fangs or canines were ever described) identify it as a Diprotodontid (meaning "two front

teeth") marsupial. The descriptions of the animal's body clearly point to only one genus of Diprotodontid. Even the skull of the "foetal" *kinpratia* found on the Murrumbidgee River and examined by the most respected anatomists matches this animal.

Finally, of all the herbivorous megafauna, only one species appears to have avoided the mass extinctions that occurred perhaps as long as 40,000 years ago and was painted by Aboriginal artists on a very few of the caves in the Northern Territory.

Tim Flannery, in the Australian Museum's 1983 book, *Prehistoric Animals of Australia*, states:<sup>28</sup>

"Perhaps no animal is as suited to have inspired the legend of the bunyip as *Palorchestes azael*. Although a herbivore, it must have been a fearsome sight. The largest of the three known species of the genus *Palorchestes azael* was the size of a bull. Its exceptionally massive forearms were equipped with razor sharp, rapier-like claws up to 12 cm long, and its bizarre



head was crowned with a longish trunk. Surely this sight would have been enough to give any newly arrived Aboriginals second thoughts about settling. And there is little doubt that *Palorchestes azael* and humans were acquainted. In fact, they co-existed in Australia between about 40–20,000 years ago."

In *Riversleigh: The Story of Animals in Ancient Rainforests of Inland Australia* (1991), further details are provided:<sup>29</sup>

"The Palorchestids are the other half of the Diprotodontid radiation—their weird half-brothers. The Pleistocene and last-surviving species, *Palorchestes azael*, was about the size of a horse. In body shape it resembled no other creature known. It had huge koala-like claws, enormously powerful forelimbs, a long ribbon-like tongue and a large elephantine trunk. Until the skeleton is adequately studied, speculation about what it did for a living will continue. Although we are certain that it was a herbivore, we are not at all certain about the kinds of plants it ate. In contrast to its Diprotodontid cousins, its high-crowned, complex teeth probably could have withstood the abrasive effects of a grass diet, but this simple interpretation feels hollow when its peculiar limbs, claws and trunk are considered."

In *Kadimakara: Extinct Vertebrates of Australia* (1985), further information is given on this most bizarre animal:<sup>30</sup>

"In 1874 Sir Richard Owen described the first-known specimen of *Palorchestes azael*... The specimen, consisting of the anterior part of the skull...was discovered in the year 1851 by Dr Ludwig Becker in a bed of yellowish sand and clay mixed with very small shells, in the Province of Victoria. The distribution and abundance of *Palorchestes* bones can give some clues, which are useful in reconstructing the ecology and habitat of these animals. Their remains are rare everywhere, indicating that perhaps they were solitary animals. This apparent rarity could have several causes. If one assumes that their rarity as fossils reflects their rarity as live animals, it is probable that they had low rates of reproduction and occupied relatively large territories or home ranges.

"The skeletons of the species of *Palorchestes* are highly unusual. Perhaps their most striking feature is the structure of the front legs... The nature of the articulation of the upper and lower arm bones in *Palorchestes azael* is very unusual and appears to indicate that this joint was immobile, the front legs being permanently locked in a partly flexed position... The finger bones possess large, semi-circular articulations and appear to have been highly mobile, but only in a forwards-backwards direction. In comparison with the forelimb, the hindlimb was delicate... The massive claws must have presented a problem to the species of *Palorchestes*, assuming that they walked on the ground."

So here we have a very large animal with a smallish head, perhaps on a somewhat elongated thick neck, with powerful though

rather immobile forelimbs that were locked at the elbows, claws that almost prevented the animal the ability to move about (though they may have been retractable), and somewhat delicate hindlimbs. This arrangement would appear to hinder a large and heavy animal as it wandered slowly about, looking for food. In a land full of powerfully built marsupial lions that were adapted to prey on big mammals and giant goannas that grew to almost the size and weight of an Allosaurus dinosaur, it is perhaps unlikely that these animals staggered slowly about, ripping up bulbs and roots or the bark and limbs off trees. The almost immobile forelimbs and great claws appear to be adaptations for a very specialised way of life that has nothing to do with walking about or climbing trees.

Now this may be a long shot, but perhaps these adaptations were required for a sedentary aquatic lifestyle where the giant claws and relatively immobile front legs gripped the substrate of sunken logs and rocks whilst the elongated snout and tongue moved about, dragging in vegetation. With the buoyancy provided by water, this heavy beast with delicate hind limbs and immobile front limbs may well have found it easier to move about within swamps and marshes, feeding on reeds and thereby avoiding

the powerful terrestrial predators of the time. With a limited habitat of wetlands, each individual would indeed need a large territory, which it would define with far-carrying bellowing roars. It would be a rare animal with slow, low rates of reproduction.

The probably young *kinepratia* observed in the extensive marshes of the Murrumbidgee in May 1847 was described as "having an awkward shambling gallop and the forequarters of the animal were very large in proportion to the hindquarters", which fits with the descriptions of the fossil marsupial tapir. Such an animal would also fit with William Buckley's

"very extraordinary amphibious animal, which the natives call Bun-yip, of which I could never see any part except the back, which appeared to be covered with feathers of a dusky-grey colour"—which may well have been the extensive mane that was so frequently described. Perhaps the "elongated neck and head resembling an emu" may have been the trunk of the marsupial tapir extending up into the air as the animal fed on waterside foliage.

The identity of the bunyip has to be addressed. In the past it has been pushed aside with explanations that the Aboriginal people, who had inhabited the land for something like 50,000 years, were a superstitious and ignorant lot who still had not worked out what lived in their own supermarket. European settlers who observed the bunyip were regarded as obviously of the same ilk. Consequently the bunyip has been turned into a children's fairy-tale character.

Perhaps more likely it was a remarkable remnant of Australia's megafauna, a solitary aquatic herbivore on the edge of extinction, surrounded on all sides by predatory humans. With the arrival of Europeans and their cattle competing for forage, the massive habitat destruction with widespread wetland drainage and silting up of the waterways, yet another ancient life form departed this rapidly emptying continent.

**He received dozens of reports between 1947 and 1973 from Aborigines, graziers and tourists, describing the animals sunbaking on the riverbank, swimming against the current and thrashing about in the water.**

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## TESTIMONY THAT EXPLAINS THE SECRECY OVER UFOs

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**T**his establishes the reality of the UFO/ET phenomenon and also the fact that we have been studying it for years. Many people might believe that it is limited to the so-called "Roswell event" of the 1940s, but this could not be further from the truth. In fact, there have been multiple events, at least a couple of dozen, where objects of extraterrestrial origin have been downed, acquired and studied.

We believe that this is something which is of extreme importance, because one cannot consider that covert programs—having spent hundreds of billions of dollars over the decades on research and development, so-called "reverse engineering" or "back engineering" extraterrestrial technologies—have not had significant breakthroughs.

### Gordon Cooper: US Astronaut

Gordon Cooper was one of the original *Mercury 7* astronauts and the last American to fly into space alone. In his testimony he recounts how he observed UFOs flying in the same formation as his fighter group over the skies of Germany. These UFOs made manoeuvres that could not be done

by conventional fighters. He felt they must have been under intelligent control to communicate with one another, due to the type of manoeuvres they were mimicking.

At another time, while filming conventional aircraft performing precision landings, a saucer flew directly overhead and landed ahead of them on a dry lakebed. The entire event was filmed, including detailed close-ups. The film was sent back to Washington and was never returned.

### Dr B.: Scientist and Engineer

Dr B. is a scientist and engineer who has worked on top-secret projects almost all his life. Over the years he has directly worked on or had involvement with projects involving anti-gravity, chemical warfare, secure telemetry and communications, extremely high energy space-based laser systems and electromagnetic pulse technology. Dr B. has direct knowledge of the fact that certain groups have used these space-based systems successfully to shoot down extraterrestrial spacecraft and their occupants. On at least one occasion he has personally seen extraterrestrial spacecraft.

### Dr Carol Rosin: Space Weapons

Dr Carol Rosin was the first female corporate manager of Fairchild Industries and

was spokesperson for Wernher von Braun in the last years of his life. She founded the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space in Washington, DC, and has testified before Congress on many occasions about space-based weapons.

Von Braun revealed to Dr Rosin a plan to justify weapons in space, based on hoaxing first a Russian threat, then a terrorist threat, an asteroid threat, then finally an extraterrestrial threat. She was also present at meetings in the 1970s when the scenario for the Gulf War of the 1990s was planned.

### Nick Pope: UK Ministry of Defence

Nick Pope is a British Ministry of Defence official, still currently employed at the Ministry. He headed up the Ministry's office for research and investigation of the UFO phenomenon for a number of years in the 1990s.

In his testimony, we learn of incontrovertible evidence in several events with massive objects moving at extraordinary speeds, witnessed by military personnel and tracked on radar—objects which were not manufactured on this Earth. He can also confirm the Bentwaters case and other cases within the UK, and acknowledges the existence of extensive government files on the UFO phenomenon.

## Larry Warren: United States Air Force Security Officer

Larry Warren was a security officer at Bentwaters Air Force Base in the United Kingdom. He was present during an event in 1980 when an extraterrestrial vehicle (ETV) landed, hovered and interacted with air force personnel on the base. Afterwards, the many personnel who had witnessed the events were intimidated, debriefed and forced to sign documents telling a false version of the story.

Warren's testimony is corroborated by multiple other military witnesses who have been identified. There are official documents related to this event; there is a photograph related to the event; and there is physical landing trace evidence. This entire event is also corroborated by Ministry of Defence official Nick Pope, by Five-Star Admiral, Sea Lord, former Ministry of Defence head Lord Hill-Norton, and by Sergeant Clifford Stone.

## Sergeant Clifford Stone: US Army

Sergeant Clifford Stone tells an amazing story about the history of UFOs and extraterrestrials dating back to the early 1940s and probably before. Back in 1943, General Douglas MacArthur organised a group called the Interplanetary Phenomena Research Unit to study this issue, and its work continues to this day. Their purpose is to recover objects of unknown origin, particularly those that are of non-Earthly origin. They obtain field intelligence information and pass it on to those who are the

"keepers of this information". Stone says that even Project *Bluebook* had an elite investigation unit, which was outside of *Bluebook*. This unit was thought to be working in conjunction with *Bluebook*, but in fact was not.

Stone has seen living and dead extraterrestrials in his official duties on an army team that retrieved crashed ET craft. He thinks that the ETs will not permit us to explore the depths of outer space until we've learned to grow spiritually, and that they will make themselves known soon if we don't first acknowledge their presence.

## Major-General Vasily Alexyev: Russian Air Force

Major-General Alexyev, of the Space Communications Centre in Russia, is considered one of the most knowledgeable Russian Generals. He states that if extraterrestrials are capable of traversing vast distances, then they are probably from a higher level of civilisation. And if this is true, then they must be concerned with normal development of relations between people—constructive progress, not destructive. He says that if we look at our Earth history, we will see a tale of self-destruction, murder and death of entire peoples. He believes that advanced civilisations would not tolerate such behaviour because their lives would have a different meaning and be understood in a larger context.

Major-General Alexyev knows of many eyewitness reports of unusual craft documented in specific Soviet papers. Various

departments within the government, including the Defence Ministry and the Academy of Sciences, began investigating this phenomenon. They have many reports of UFOs seen over locations containing high concentrations of advanced science, such as nuclear facilities. In some cases they have learned how to create situations where they could deliberately provoke the appearance of UFOs, and in these "contacts" they would, for example, point their arms in various directions and the UFOs would respond by flattening their spheres in the same direction. There was a case just outside Moscow where a warrant officer found himself at the site of a UFO landing and the extraterrestrials made contact with him telepathically and asked him if he would like to visit inside the craft.

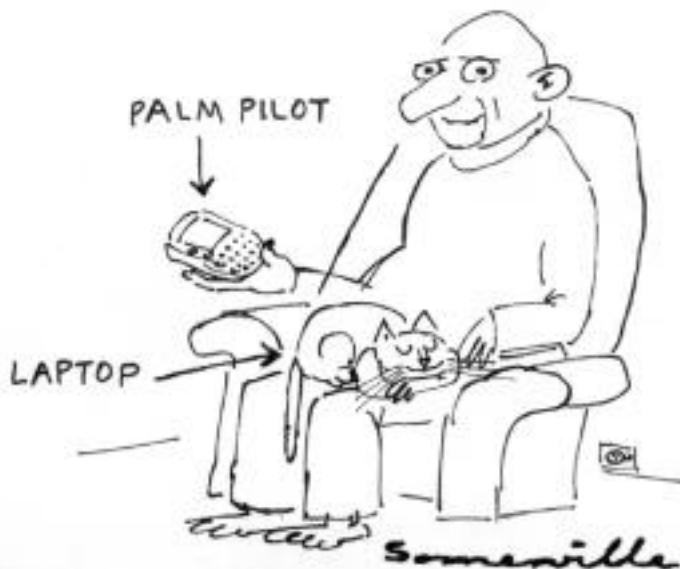
## Master Sergeant Dan Morris (Ret.): US Air Force/NRO Operative

Dan Morris is a retired US Air Force career Master Sergeant who was involved in extraterrestrial projects for many years. After leaving the Air Force, he was recruited into the super-secret National Reconnaissance Organization (NRO), during which time he worked specifically on extraterrestrial-connected operations. He had a Cosmic Top Secret clearance (38 levels above Top Secret) which, he states, no US President to his knowledge has ever held.

In his testimony, Morris talks of assassinations committed by the NSA, and he tells how the US military deliberately caused the 1947 ET craft crashes near Roswell and captured one of the ETs, which they kept at Los Alamos for three years until he died. He talks about the intelligence teams that were charged with intimidating, discrediting and even eliminating witnesses to ET/UFO events. He discusses Germany's re-engineering of UFOs even prior to World War II.

Morris also talks about our current energy crisis and the fact that we haven't needed fossil fuels since the 1940s—when free energy technologies were developed but have been kept from humanity ever since. This is the real reason for the ET/UFO secrecy. "What the people in power right now don't want us to know is that this free energy is available to everybody."

In conclusion, Morris warns against the weaponisation of space and the shooting down of ET craft: this could force them to retaliate, and that would be our destruction.



## **Don Phillips: Lockheed Skunkworks, USAF, CIA Contractor**

Don Phillips was in the US Air Force at Las Vegas Air Force Base during an event when UFOs were seen moving at enormous speeds near Mt Charleston, northwest of Las Vegas. In addition, he worked with Kelly Johnson at the Lockheed Skunkworks—on design and construction of the U-2 and the SR-71 *Blackbird*. He testifies that not only do we have these extraterrestrial devices, but we have also achieved tremendous technological advances from their study.

Phillips states that in the 1950s and 1960s, NATO did research into the origin of ET races and disseminated reports to the leaders of various countries. He further states that there are records and filmed documentation of meetings in California in 1954 between ETs and leaders of the USA. He lists a few of the technologies we were able to develop because of the ETs: computer chips, lasers, night vision, bullet-proof vests, and concludes: "Are these ET people hostile? Well, if they were hostile, with their weaponry they could have destroyed us a long time ago, or could have done some damage."

Don Phillips now develops technologies such as energy generation systems that use natural energies from planet Earth, which can help eliminate environmental pollutants and reduce the need for fossil fuels.

## **Captain Bill Uhouse (Retired): US Marine Corps**

Bill Uhouse served 10 years in the Marine Corps as a fighter pilot, and four years with the Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB as a civilian doing flight-testing of exotic experimental aircraft. Later, and for the next 30 years, he worked for defence contractors as an engineer of antigravity propulsion systems—on flight simulators for exotic aircraft and on actual flying discs.

Captain Uhouse testifies that the first disc they tested was the re-engineered ET craft that crashed in Kingman, Arizona, in 1958. He further testifies that the ETs presented a craft to the US Government; this craft was taken to Area 51, which was just being constructed at the time, and the four ETs that accompanied the craft were taken to Los Alamos. Uhouse's speciality was the flight deck and instruments on the flight deck; he understands the gravitational field and what it takes to get people trained to

experience antigravity. He testifies that he actually met several times with an extraterrestrial who helped the physicists and engineers with the engineering of the craft.

## **A.H.: Boeing Aerospace**

A.H. has gained significant information from inside the UFO extraterrestrial groups within the US Government, military and civilian companies. He has friends at the NSA, CIA, NASA, JPL, ONI, NRO, Area 51, the Air Force, Northrup, Boeing and more. He used to work at Boeing as a surface technician. He was introduced to Four Star General Curtis Lemay and one day went to his house in Newport Beach, California, and spoke with him about this subject. Lemay confirmed the ETV crash at Roswell.

A.H.'s NSA contact told him that Henry Kissinger, George Bush as well as Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev were all aware of the ET subject. His CIA contact told him that the USAF had shot down some of these spacecraft. A friend of A.H.'s who worked at Boeing was part of crash recovery and personally saw and carried ET bodies. A.H. says that a group in the FBI discovered that radar testing was causing interference with some of the ETVs and that this was what was causing so many crashes.

He also says there are underground bases testing and maintaining extraterrestrial technology—in Utah (reachable only by air); Enzo, Lancaster/Palmdale, Edwards AFB and March AFB, California; Eglin AFB, Florida; in England and many other locations.

## **Gordon Creighton: Former British Foreign Service Official**

Gordon Creighton worked for many years in the British Foreign Service. He spent 10 years in China and in 1941 he saw a UFO while at the Embassy. In broad daylight he saw a disc-shaped, silent UFO with a blue-white light on top,

flying very fast. In 1953 he spent some time with Military Defence in Whitehall and worked on the floor underneath a department, Air Technical, dealing with UFOs. He says that a UFO landed on the estate of Lord Mountbatten in the south of England near Southampton.

## **Sergeant Karl Wolfe: US Air Force**

Karl Wolfe was in the Air Force for 4½ years beginning in January 1964. He had a top-secret crypto clearance and worked with the Tactical Air Command at Langley AFB in Virginia.

While working at an NSA facility, he was shown photographs of the Moon, taken by the Lunar Orbiter, that showed detailed artificial structures. These photos were taken prior to the *Apollo* landing in 1969.

## **Donna Hare: Former NASA Contract Employee**

Donna Hare had a Secret clearance while working for NASA contractor Philco Ford. She testifies that she was shown a photo of a picture with a distinct UFO. Her colleague explained that it was his job to air-brush such evidence of UFOs out of photographs before they were released to the public.

She also heard information from other Johnson Space Center employees that some astronauts had seen extraterrestrial craft, and that when some of them wanted to speak out about this they were threatened.



*"According to this Global Positioning System, we're in the wrong place at the wrong time."*

# THE TWILIGHT ZONE

## Mr John Maynard: Retired Analyst, US Defense Intelligence Agency

John Maynard was a military intelligence analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency. In the course of his 21-year career he saw evidence of the military's interest in UFOs in a variety of ways: electronic communications that did not originate from Earth, and military photos of UFOs. While at the DIA he became familiar with the compartmentalisation process of maintaining secrecy. He saw spy plane photos which clearly show UFOs.

## Harland Bentley: US Army

Mr Bentley has been involved in working on classified projects with several US Government agencies including NASA and the DoE. He has a BSc-EE degree and extensive training in nuclear engineering.

Mr Bentley recounts a story of personally witnessing a UFO crash at a Nike Ajax missile facility in Maryland and viewing on radar a group of UFOs take off at a calculated 17,000 miles an hour after having hovered on the ground. He also speaks of a 1967/68 incident where he overheard a conversation between Houston Control and astronauts in-flight, about avoiding a collision with a UFO and our astronauts seeing—through portholes in the UFO spacecraft—living beings moving about.

## Dr Robert Wood: Engineer, McDonnell Douglas Aerospace

Dr Robert Wood worked in a senior capacity as an aerospace engineer at

McDonnell Douglas for his entire 43-year career. In his testimony he states that he was involved in a specific project at McDonnell Douglas to study the propulsion systems of UFOs. He also confirms the existence of other projects within the aerospace industry and gives his assessment that this subject is not only real but is of an extraterrestrial nature. He also confirms the extreme secrecy surrounding it.

## Colonel Phillip J. Corso, Sr (Retired): US Army

Colonel Phillip Corso [now deceased] was a US Army intelligence officer who served on Eisenhower's National Security Council. After his 21-year military career, he served as a military analyst. He personally saw deceased extraterrestrials from the Roswell crash in 1947 and a UFO craft at an airbase, and also saw, on radar, UFOs travelling at 4,000 miles per hour. When he worked in R&D he was given fragments of ET technologies from various crashes and his job was to seed industry with these technologies, telling them they were from Earthly foreign sources.

## Mark McCandlish: US Air Force

Mark McCandlish is an accomplished aerospace illustrator and has worked for many of the top aerospace corporations in the United States. His colleague Brad Sorenson, with whom he studied, has been inside a facility at Norton Air Force Base where he witnessed alien reproduction vehicles, or ARVs, that were fully operational and hovering.

According to his testimony, the US not only has operational antigravity propulsion devices but has had them for many, many years. They have been developed through the study, in part, of ET vehicles over the past 50 years. In addition, we have the drawing from aerospace inventor Brad Sorenson of the devices he saw, as well as a schematic of one of these ARVs in some remarkable detail.

## Professor Paul Czysz: Aeronautics

Dr Paul Czysz is a Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at Parks College in St Louis, Missouri. He spent eight years in the US Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and another 30 years working for McDonnell Douglas in the field of exotic technologies.

While at Wright-Patterson AFB, he was involved in tracking UFOs over Missouri, Ohio and Michigan. These UFOs were seen by many people—military, local police and civilians—and were clocked at speeds around 20,000 mph as they performed unusual, silent manoeuvres.

Dr Czysz spent more than half his career at McDonnell Douglas, working on classified and compartmentalised projects, and testifies to the processes involved in maintaining secrecy on these projects. He warns against the human tendency to make every new technology into a weapon, pointing out that our weaponisation of space does not address the threat of Earth terrorists, and that the idea of using these weapons against extraterrestrial targets would be suicidal.

## Fred Threlfell: Communications Instructor, Royal Canadian Air Force

Fred Threlfell was a communications instructor in the Royal Canadian Air Force at RCAF Station Toronto in 1953, when he witnessed an experiment involving the successful dematerialisation and re-materialisation of an object.

Because of his top-secret clearance, he was also able to check out from the base library original films of gun camera footage from WWII planes. Many times, while watching these films, he noticed UFOs in the footage—different positions, different shapes, but definitely UFOs. He has also personally seen UFOs manoeuvring in the sky.

## Editor's Note:

This is an edited extract from the Executive Summary of testimony gathered by The Disclosure Project and released in May 2001. For the full text, visit the website [www.disclosureproject.org](http://www.disclosureproject.org). Steven M. Greer, MD, is the Director of CSETI, the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, and the author of *Extraterrestrial Contact: The Evidence and Implications* (reviewed in NEXUS 8/01). See reviews of The Disclosure Project video and CD-ROM this issue.



# REVIEWS



## BOOKS

Reviewed by Ruth Parnell

### HORMONE HERESY: What Women Must Know About Their Hormones by Sherrill Sellman

GetWell International, USA, 2001 (4th ed) ISBN 0-958-72520-9 (256pp pb)  
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Availability: **Australia/NZ/UK/Europe**—NEXUS offices; **USA**—GetWell Int'l, PO Box 690416, Tulsa, OK 74169-0416, tel 1 877 215 1721, email golight@aloha.net, website www.ssellman.com

Following a series of articles she wrote for NEXUS in mid-1996, psychotherapist and women's health advocate Sherrill Sellman published *Hormone Heresy* (see 4/02). Five years later it is still so sought after that Sherrill has had to reprint it several times and base herself in the USA, where she conducts lecture tours regularly and adds to her already extensive research.

This latest edition has been considerably revised and updated with new and expanded chapters. It includes anecdotes from many of the women Sherrill has met in her travels—women who have taken her advice on board, taken their hormonal health into their own hands and rejected the medical/pharmaceutical line that, say, their menopause condition was the result of HRT deficiency!

Hormonal imbalance can occur at any age and is a growing problem for both sexes, considering also the risks from endocrine-disrupting chemicals popping up in our waterways and water supplies. So here, Sherrill expands on the facts of both natural

and synthetic hormones, the health risks from taking hormonal drugs such as the Pill and HRT, and the benefits of natural progesterone in overcoming PMS and menopausal symptoms, staving off the onset of osteoporosis and even helping men achieve balance in cases of oestrogen dominance. If you want to feel empowered on all levels, Sherrill's book is full of practical wisdom. (Her latest article, "Hormones and Your Heart", appears in this issue.)

### VIBRATIONAL MEDICINE

by Richard Gerber, MD

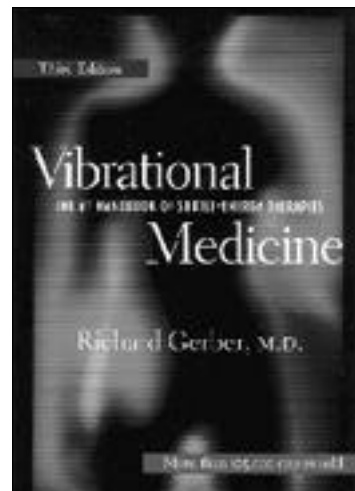
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Since its publication in 1987, Dr Richard Gerber's *Vibrational Medicine* has become the textbook on energetic healing systems that have been coming to prominence in recent decades and are setting the trend for medicine's future direction.

This third edition is an update of the original book and Gerber takes a much closer look at the esoteric science behind etheric energies. Each chapter now comes with a summary to help clarify the depth of the points he raises, and there's a new one on recent developments in vibrational medicine. The model he has particular fondness for is what he calls the Tiller-Einstein

Model of Positive-Negative Space/Time Energies. He sees the life-force energy as belonging to a type of "faster-than-light" energy that may be the mechanism behind vibrational healing modalities like radionics, homoeopathy, Bach flower remedies, crystal therapy, psychic healing and more.

Fundamental to the vibrational healing approach is an understanding of the multidimensionality of the human being, and Gerber shows how the ancient Indian chakra and Chinese acupuncture meridian systems can extend our knowledge of the "subtle energetic anatomy". Indeed, the entire field of vibrational medicine Gerber sees as "the spiritual science of the future" and "the next evolutionary step in personal and planetary transformation". Its increasing uptake signifies an important qualitative shift from a reductionist to an holistic approach. An essential reference book for your library.





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## **BODY OF SECRETS: How America's NSA and Britain's GCHQ Eavesdrop on the World by James Bamford**

Century, UK, 2001  
ISBN 0-7126-7598-1 (721pp hc); 0-0994-27745 (tpb, available Aust/NZ end 2002); 0-385-49907-8 (USA)  
Price: A\$64.95 (hc); NZ\$72.00 (hc); £20.00; NLGf78.90, Euro35.90; US\$29.95

Availability: **Aust/NZ/UK**— Random House; **Europe**—NEXUS Office; **USA**— Doubleday, tel (212) 782 9000

**B**estselling author (*The Puzzle Palace*) and former TV news investigative producer James Bamford courageously puts the shadowy US National Security Agency under the microscope in his rivetting exposé.

First off, he looks at the history leading up to the founding of the NSA in 1952, from its roots in the code-breaking activities of World Wars I and II, to its ultimately becoming a Cold War imperative due to the development of increasingly sophisticated signals intelligence (SIGINT) technology. The NSA has since evolved into the world's largest, most powerful spying agency, housing tens of thousands at its top-secret headquarters—aptly nicknamed "Crypto City"—near Annapolis, Maryland. As we know, the NSA has in its hands the *Echelon* system, which facilitates global eavesdropping of governments, corporations, groups and individuals with the use of code-words. It shares and operates this system with its UKUSA pact partners, primarily Britain's GCHQ, though it only selectively informs its strategically located junior partners like Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Bamford takes us through secret US military operations where the NSA has played a major role, and into the theatres it is up to its neck in now. His revelations about the cancelled 1961 Operation *Northwoods* resound chillingly post-September 11. He also takes us behind the scenes as far as possible into the structure, personnel, infrastructure, hardware, capabilities and research operations of the NSA, with special emphasis on its espionage activities and its power-hand in domestic and international politics, commerce and defence. An engrossing read.

## **SAUNIÈRE'S MODEL AND THE SECRET OF RENNES-LE-CHATEAU by André Douzet**

Adventures Unlimited Press, USA, Frontier Publishing, the Netherlands, Société Perillos, UK, 2001

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**M**uch has been made of the mystery surrounding the French village of Rennes-le-Château in the eastern Pyrénées foothills, and the fortunes of its parish priest, Abbé Bérenger Saunière, who officiated there from 1885 until his death in 1917.

But researcher André Douzet has made some exciting new inroads. Not only has he found interesting local historical background, he's also followed Saunière's little-known "esoteric wanderings" through the countryside and up to Lyons, and back down to nearby Arques. Some of these trails may have had nothing to do with the mystery, but

are nevertheless intriguing.

Researchers into these mysteries and sacred oddities have always suspected that Saunière left behind some clue to a specific location which held "the secret", and Douzet may well have found it: a previously unknown topographical model that Saunière commissioned in 1916, but never took delivery of. The model bears names that parallel those of the Calvary Mount region and the "tomb of Jesus" in Jerusalem, but Douzet found that the topography didn't match, even after a plaster cast was made. Yet his persistence paid off, for he has identified the landscape as representing the area around the old village of Périllos in the Durban-Corbières region well east of Rennes-le-Château (see the website [www.perillos.com](http://www.perillos.com)).

Readers will have to persist through this version translated from French, but should still find rewards in Douzet's journey.





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## PHYSICS OF THE SOUL:

### The Quantum Book of Living, Dying, Reincarnation and Immortality by Amit Goswami, PhD

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**D**r Amit Goswami, a physicist based at the University of Oregon and scholar-in-residence at the Institute for Noetic Sciences, has written or co-written six books on quantum physics and related subjects such as consciousness, creativity and spirituality. His basic stance is that consciousness, not matter, is the ground of all being, and he illustrates this using ancient Indian yogic science which he takes further into the quantum world. This new paradigm of science—science within consciousness—he believes can be extended to explain all sorts of "non-locality" anomalies in biology, cognitive science, psychology and so on.

In his latest book, *Physics of the Soul*, Dr Goswami extends the boundaries further by exploring and attempting to explain the physics of death, soul survival and evolution as well as reincarnation. While acknowledging and drawing on modern thinkers like Zukav, Wilber, Sheldrake, Grof, Fred Alan Wolf, Franklin Merrell-Wolff and others, the main territory for his inspiration in applying quantum physics to death and reincarnation is *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*.

To try to answer the question of whether we have a soul and whether it survives and transmigrates after death, Goswami includes in his model of consciousness the idea of a soul-like entity, the quantum monad, that mediates reincarnation. But he sees this as a model that can be applied in real life. We can live as an individual quantum monad if we can "discover our dharma, destiny and bliss and follow it", and learn to see death as a creative opportunity on the evolutionary path. This is solid material for finding a "more fluid self-identification beyond ego".

## A HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO ARMAGEDDON

by David Hatcher Childress

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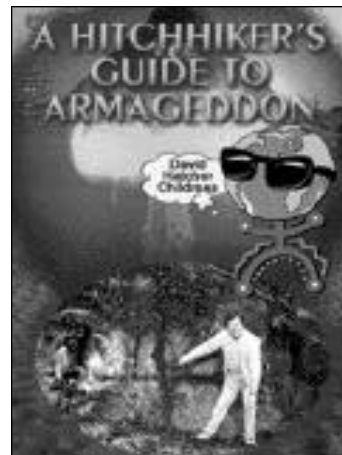
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**A**s we contemplate the prospect of a modern-day "Armageddon", it's timely to look at the vestiges of history for clues as to why we're in our current predicament. This is Childress's intention in this latest (and final) Lost Cities book, and here he weaves more than two dozen years of travelling experiences in with his historical research and philosophical perspectives.

We know the concept of Armageddon from the Apocalypse of John, but Childress investigates its origin, leading us to Har Megiddon, the Mount of Megiddo—site of a citadel supposedly established in the 4th millennium BC by the Philistines at the centre of a vast trade route. The prophetic over-

tone is believed to have come from Megiddo's history as a battleground, the first major one between Egypt and the Hittite confederacy which included Syrian and Lebanese forces. But prophecies are powerful, and Childress warns of evil forces that would try to fulfill the "end of days" scenario and start the "ultimate battle" at Har Megiddon in line with Revelation 16.

Childress diverts us through other lost civilisations that have had their own "end days"—in Babylon, the Gobi Desert, South America, the Pacific, Egypt and Africa—and speculates on the rise of secret societies and the transfer of occult knowledge through the ages. In the light of his own brushes with the agents of "the Octopus" in recent years, he analyses the possibility of an Armageddon script being played out today in the escalation of conflict in the Middle East. Will it be *Star Wars* style, and will we be able to believe our eyes? A mind-bending travelogue with a difference.





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## THE MASTER OF LUCID DREAMS

by **Olga Kharitidi, MD**

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Russian psychiatrist Olga Kharitidi is no stranger to unusual healing modes, as we discovered in her first book, *Entering the Circle* (1996; see 4/02), in which she explored the ancient shamanic practices native to Siberia's Altai Mountains region.

As in her first book, Dr Kharitidi sets the opening scenes for *The Master of Lucid Dreams* in the Siberian State Hospital where she worked in her home city of Novosibirsk. Soon she is introduced to the strange Mr Smirnov who'd set up a psychiatric research and healing lab just outside the city. In time she was persuaded to attend a lecture given at Smirnov's centre by a charismatic Uzbeki healer named Vladimir, who sees trauma as the source of disease and unhappiness—"spirits of trauma", as he calls them in his tradition, which affix themselves and grow in the psyche due to unresolved hurts.

Later, she travels to Vladimir's home in Samarkand, the ancient Silk Road city, to experience first-hand how traumas and traumatic memories and emotions can be called up, acknowledged and resolved through a type of lucid dreaming. But in order to obtain a true understanding of this ancient

healing art and how to use it to heal others, she has to confront and overcome her own fears and undergo a personal physical and spiritual healing transformation. In effect, she learns how to dream while awake.

Dr Kharitidi's experiential journey is powerful and inspirational, and is an important contribution to integrating Eastern wisdom and Western pragmatism in an holistic healing form that promotes overall harmony.

## THE LAND OF OSIRIS:

**An Introduction to Khemitology**

by **Stephen S. Mehler**

Adventures Unlimited Press, USA, 2001

ISBN 0-932813-58-5 (235pp tpb)

Price: A\$38.00; NZ\$49.90; £16.50;

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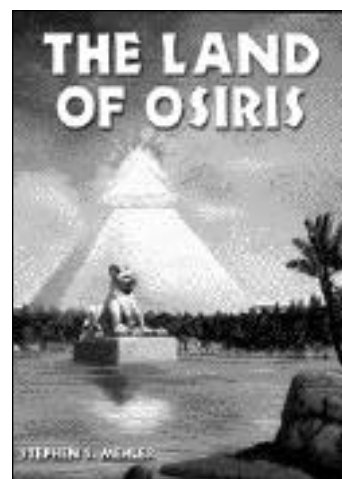
Independent Egyptologist Stephen Mehler, *A New Yorker*, delivers in *The Land of Osiris* what he promises: a paradigm shift in our understanding of ancient Egypt and its origins. It's the result of more than three decades of passionate study, which reached a climax for Mehler in 1992 when he met and began his collaboration with Abd'El Hakim Awyan, a recognised Elder and indigenous wisdom keeper of the ancient Khemitian oral tradition that goes back at least tens of thousands of years.

What Mehler learned was that an advanced civilisation known as Khemit (not Egypt) existed in North Africa thousands of years before the establishment of dynastic Egypt, and it comprised a union of dozens of indigenous tribes. These peoples were already in possession of advanced knowledge, and their ancient oral tradition

acknowledges the influence of beings from the stars, especially Sirius—as Robert Temple wrote of the Dogon over 30 years ago. They had the means to build the pyramids—and thousands of years earlier than generally believed—and even placed them according to the Fibonacci series spiral.

Based on Abd'El Hakim's evidence, Mehler concludes that Plato's Atlantis is a myth but is based on real events in ancient Khemit. Expanding on Christopher Dunn's research, Mehler goes so far as to suggest a major accident happened in the Great Pyramid, ending its long life as a power plant that extracted hydrogen from water pumped up from an underground tunnel network. Mehler has explored this tunnel system for himself, and writes at length on the sacredness of water in Khemit.

This is a serious work, taking in a multitude of disciplines with a dose of personal speculation, and is well worth the study.



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## **MAYAN GENESIS: South Asian Myths, Migrations and Iconography in Mesoamerica**

by **Graeme R. Kearsley**

Yelsraek, UK, 2001

ISBN n/a (1098pp tpb)

Price: £27.00 in UK; US\$40.00 overseas

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The academic establishment can be very closed-minded about alternative theories on the origins of various ancient civilisations, and UK-based researcher Graeme Kearsley has had his fair share of battles. But through *Mayan Genesis* he aims to set the record straight on that great question of contact between Asia or Europe and the Americas via oceanic migration.

In this vast book, containing over 1200 b&w illustrations, Kearsley shows that the culture of the Maya in Central America was heavily influenced by migrations out of India, Sri Lanka and even the Middle East (e.g., the Mandaeans of northern Syria) and on through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific. This is evidenced in the similarities of iconography, divine and heroic myths, calendar systems, rituals, language and so on in these lands. Apart from seafaring means and abilities, what facilitated these intermigrations were the ocean currents: the north equatorial current, flowing from Central America to Polynesia, Melanesia, Australia, the Philippines, China, Japan, India and the Middle East, and the equatorial

counter-current, from those lands back to Central America. These currents formed the obvious migration or trade routes for long-distance mariners, Kearsley says, and their use goes back at least several millennia.

Kearsley goes into as much detail on the Maya and other Mesoamerican cultures and their Indian, Southeast Asian and Pacific influences as he can in this one hefty volume, and hopefully his work will open up this field for some rigorous discussion.

## **THE SECRET HISTORY OF ANCIENT EGYPT: Electricity, Sonics and the Disappearance of an Advanced Civilisation**

by **Herbie Brennan**

Piatkus, UK, 2001

ISBN 0-7499-2174-9 (218pp tpb)

Price: A\$32.95; NZ\$39.95; £10.99;

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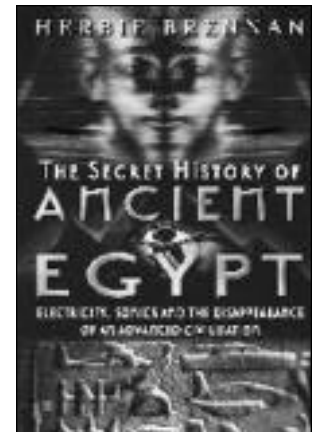
In another readily approachable book, prolific Irish author Herbie Brennan again delves into the anomalies of Egyptology and concludes that the massive monuments of the Nile Valley and environs had a much earlier history than the academics would have us believe. In line with recent studies by Stephen Mehler (see reviews this issue) and Christopher Dunn, Brennan points to a culture much more technologically adept and much older than generally accepted.

The Stepped Pyramid at Saqqara, being

one case in point, continues to yield surprising finds during excavation of its vast compound—evidence that leads to the inevitable conclusion that a highly advanced culture had to have been in place before any "sudden rise" of Egypt's First Kingdom was possible. So what was this technology? And has it been rediscovered?

It undoubtedly utilised an understanding of resonance, sonics and harmonics, and Brennan believes that in more recent times inventors such as Tesla, Keely and various Eastern bloc psychotronics researchers may well have rediscovered some of the keys. So may have Ed Leedskalnin, creator of the Coral Castle in Florida (see Bruce Cathie's article last issue), whose amazing feats at lifting heavy blocks suggest that the Great Pyramid could have been built by 5,000 men in under 30 years, according to Brennan.

While by no means an academic treatise, Brennan's book is a sufficiently erudite account of the "show so far" and points to the new path that Egyptologists must tread.





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## FLUORIDE:

### **Drinking Ourselves to Death?**

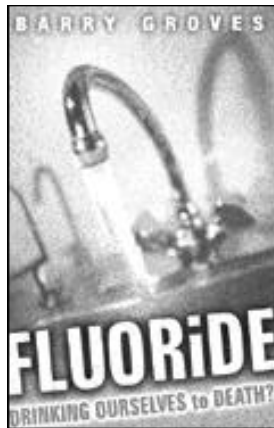
by Barry Groves

Newleaf/Gill & Macmillan, Ireland, 2001  
ISBN 0-7171-3274-9 (329pp tpb)

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Can you imagine a poison being foisted upon the population, with the full complicity of your government and the medical profession? Well, this is exactly what has happened to water supplies in the USA, UK, Ireland, Canada, NZ and Australia over the last 50-odd years. The addition of fluoride, a highly toxic industrial waste product, to drinking water supplies amounts to mass poisoning. And contrary to the propaganda, there is no scientific justification for any dental health benefits at all, as British researcher Barry Groves ably explains in *Fluoride: Drinking Ourselves to Death?*.

Each chapter is preceded by a quote from the British Fluoridation Society—as distributed in a circular sent to UK dentists—and a follow-up quote from an independent doctor, dentist or health specialist refuting that statement according to established evidence. Coverage includes the fraudulent history behind water fluoridation, health problems such as cancer, dental fluorosis, osteoporosis and high infant mortality related to fluoride intake by drinking or through the skin when bathing, and the questionable ethics of fluoridating water supplies.

Groves strikes it home how government health bodies, scientists, medical and dental practitioners have erred in allowing or supporting water fluoridation based on both shoddy science and dogmatic ignorance at

the expense of public health. He also looks at the misleading results of the York Review of water fluoridation, published in the UK in 2000 (see 8/01), and identifies a number of dentists and scientists who have been vilified for speaking out against the fraud of fluoridation. A damning critique as well as a call for integrity in scientific enquiry.

## ELECTRONIC THEFT:

### **Unlawful Acquisition in Cyberspace by Peter Grabosky, Russell G. Smith and Gillian Dempsey**

Cambridge University Press, 2001

ISBN 0-521-80597-X (235pp hc)

Price: A\$59.95; £30.00; US\$49.95;  
NLGf139.90, Euro63.90

Availability: **Australia/UK/USA**—

Cambridge University Press, [www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org); **Europe**—NEXUS Office

With the huge surge in communication and computing possibilities transforming our societies, new opportunities for cybercrime are proliferating. In their wide-ranging analysis, Grabosky, Smith (both criminologists and authors) and Dempsey (a barrister and senior law lecturer) focus on some of the major crimes of acquisition involving digital technology as the instrument of theft as well as crimes where information is the object of the theft. Though their perspective is international, they also devote considerable attention to cybertheft and the systems to control it in Australia, seeing this is where they are based.

The authors say that the basic principles of criminology apply to computer-related crime as much as to any other crime; there have to be motivated offenders, suitable targets available and absent "guardians". So, enter the law, and here the authors suggest that the most robust legal systems are those with "technology-neutral" laws that can be adapted to changing technological circumstances without having to be rewritten.

However, the international nature of much cybercrime raises important issues to do with sovereignty of nations and their legal powers to handle, say, infringements of intellectual property rights over software. The authors cover all this and more, including hacking, digital extortion, defrauding of governments, telephone and Internet services fraud, online securities fraud, misleading online advertising, industrial espionage, the misuse of personal information and the abuse of privacy laws. They also look at the limits of the law in controlling electronic theft, but consider a variety of strategies that can be adopted by governments and businesses to help prevent it—though some of these may have wider ramifications for personal privacy and Internet freedoms.

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## SECRET WEAPONS:

**How Two Sisters were Brainwashed to Kill for their Country**

by Cheryl and Lynn Hersha with Dale Griffis and Ted Schwarz

Vision Paperbacks, UK, 2001 (first published by New Horizon Press, USA, 2001)  
ISBN 1-901250-95-4 (276pp tpb)  
Price: A\$29.95; £9.99; NLGf39.90,  
Euro17.90; US\$25.95

Availability: **Aust**—Wakefield Press, tel (08) 8362 8800; **UK**—TBS, tel 01206 255637; **Europe**—NEXUS Office; **USA**—New Horizon Press, tel 800 462 6420



The subject matter of this book is extremely disturbing, for it is the story of two sisters who claim to have been abducted at the ages of six and four and inducted into CIA-funded mind-control programs designed to create perfect spies and assassins. The narration is assisted by law-enforcement specialist/ritual abuse investigator Dr Dale Griffis, with abnormal psychology bestselling author Ted Schwarz.

The ordeal of sisters Lynn and Cheryl Hersha began in 1965, and while the details are appalling they have been independently verified as far as possible by other specialists or witnesses—e.g., details about off-limits areas in military installations—or the events are presented as unverified but as reported by the two sisters. It wasn't until 1996 that Cheryl contacted Dr Griffis for help, the flaws in her mind/behaviour control programming having started to become apparent. She was discovering memories that had been compartmentalised by the psychiatrists working for military/intelligence interests—memories which, like her sister's, included training in martial and sexual arts, espionage, weapons handling and piloting jet planes for covert "black" ops. Lynn, too, began to recover her memories, though still has the niggling feeling that her free will could suddenly be overridden by a "handler" out to reactivate her services.

The testimony of both sisters has uncanny

parallels with that of other CIA *MKULTRA* and *Monarch* mind-control trauma survivors. Infamous "frontier" psychiatry names—doctors Stanley Gottlieb, Ewen Cameron and Louis "Jolly" West—crop up, and the documents that Griffis and Schwarz have compiled (and include in the appendices) irrefutably confirm the horrific reality of covertly funded mind control programs.

## HIDDEN FROM HISTORY:

**The Canadian Holocaust**

by Rev. Kevin D. Annett, MA, MDiv

The Truth Commission into Genocide in Canada, Burnaby, BC, Canada, 2001 (2ed)  
ISBN n/a (285pp, spiral bound; also available as 309K PDF file or 103K Word file)  
Price: C\$35.00 in Can/USA; o/s orders add C\$20.00 airmail or C\$12.00 surface  
Availability: **Canada**—Ms Pamela Holm, 6679 Grant St, Burnaby, BC V5B 2K9, tel +1 (604) 293 1972, website <http://annett55.tripod.com/>

This is a powerful and shocking report, six years in the preparation, detailing the crimes perpetuated against Native Canadians in residential schools and hospitals over the course of almost a century. It contains testimony from nearly 200 native eyewitnesses, some survivors of the reign of terror inflicted and/or covered up by Catholic, Anglican and United Church officials, Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers, a succession of governments, and doctors working in US CIA-funded research programs.

According to this investigation by the independent body The Truth Commission into Genocide in Canada, more than 50,000 native children died or were murdered in these facilities, especially in the western provinces, between 1891 and 1984. Many more were subjected to atrocities including abduction, rape, physical and psychological torture, forced sterilisation, starvation, drugging, radiation poisoning—the list goes on. Only in 1990 were these abuses publicly discussed by the Assembly of First Nations.

In 1994–95, Rev. Kevin Annett took up the cause, only to be fired and later expelled by the United Church. Now secretary of The Truth Commission, set up in August 2000, Rev. Annett continues to lobby for justice for native Canadians, for the truth to be exposed and for the perpetrators to be tried before international courts. Recently, BC and Manitoba provinces put a block on future lawsuits from claims older than 30 years, and in October it was revealed that native children are being used in high-level pedophile networks. The crimes continue.

As deeply distressing as this is, it must not be ignored—as the UN did in 1998–99. To access the report quickly, go to Rev. Annett's website and download the files.



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## VIDEO

Reviewed by Duncan Roads

### DISCLOSURE – THE VIDEO

with commentary by Dr Steven Greer

Produced by Jeff Thill for The Disclosure Project, USA, May 2001

(120mins; PAL/VHS & NTSC/VHS)

Price: US\$25.00 + s&h (US\$5.00 to USA/Canada; US\$10.00 overseas); £n/a

Availability: **USA**—The Disclosure Project, tel +1 (540) 456 8302, fax +1 (540) 456 8303, [www.disclosureproject.org](http://www.disclosureproject.org); **UK**—NEXUS Office, tel +44 01342 322854

**T**his two-hour video is a distillation of over 120 hours of video interviews recorded by Dr Steven M. Greer for The Disclosure Project. Years of work have gone into this project, leading to the now famous National Press Club conference held on May 9, 2001.

Dozens of highly credible military and government witnesses discuss UFO events and projects they have worked on, and Dr Greer provides the introductory and overview commentary. Sections include: Secrecy Risks; Human Witness Testimony, containing dozens of testimonies that are real and should not be ignored; Witness Testimony to Nuclear Weapons that were sent into space and destroyed by UFOs; Astronaut- and Satellite-Related Testimony; Craft and Body Retrieval of Extraterrestrial Origin; Secrecy Examined, i.e., how it works through unacknowledged Special Access projects and compartmentalisation; the Secrecy behind Space-based Weapons; and the Threats and Ridicule suffered by those wishing to disclose the truth. Get this video!

## CD-ROM

Reviewed by Duncan Roads

### THE DISCLOSURE PROJECT: Briefing Document & Executive Summary

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Platforms: PC/Windows & Macintosh

Price: US\$15.00 + s&h (US\$5.00 to USA/Canada; US\$10.00 overseas); £n/a

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**T**he CD-ROM includes the 500+ page Briefing Document and the 70+ page Executive Summary. The Briefing Document contains several papers by Dr Greer which put the issues around the UFO/ETI subject into perspective; summaries of transcripts of witness testimony from dozens of military, government and

corporate witnesses; well-researched background on sightings and landings; dozens of UFO-related US Government documents showing its knowledge and involvement over the decades; and a summary of energy and antigravity research, which shows how the technologies that are being kept secret—because of UFO issues—hold the answers to our environmental and energy problems.

## AUDIO

Reviewed by Duncan Roads



### ATLANTIS: MYTH OR MEMORY? with Gordon-Michael Scallion and Cynthia Keyes

Produced for Matrix Institute Learning Program, USA, 2001 (2-audiocassette set)

Price: US\$19.95 + s&h

Availability: **USA**—Matrix Institute, PO Box 336, Chesterfield, NH 03443-0336, tel 1-800 628 7493 (in Nth America), +1 (973) 627 2997 (outside Nth America), website [www.matrixinstitute.com](http://www.matrixinstitute.com)

**T**hose who feel a sense of connection or intrigue on the subject of Atlantis will really enjoy this recorded seminar by Gordon-Michael Scallion.

Tape one is a discussion of the recollections of "dream visits" that Scallion made to the Earth's ancient past. On tape two, Scallion enters a higher state of consciousness dream voyage to Atlantis circa 10,000 BC, in which he responds to questions from the audience about what he is seeing. If Scallion's visions are correct, then the Earth saw a civilisation which, in essence, spanned nearly a quarter of a million years, ending only 12,000 years ago. Topics include: the location of Atlantis; how Atlantis was destroyed; the Atlantean people and their customs, religions and spiritual beliefs; the inventions and technology; the date when Atlantis will be rediscovered; and the Atlantis-Egypt connection.

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## MUSIC

Reviewed by Richard Giles

### ARABIC GROOVE

by various artists

Putumayo, USA, 2001 (48 mins)

Distributors: **Australia**—MRA, tel (07) 3849 6020; **UK**—Pinnacle Imports, tel 01689 870622; **USA**—Putumayo World Music, tel 1888 7888 8629 (toll free), website [www.putumayo.com](http://www.putumayo.com)

The world of Arabic music from North and West Africa, the Middle East and Europe is compiled in this inspiring selection from Putumayo. Once again they've excelled. Understanding the rhythms, the sound and the subtleties of the Middle East is even more essential post-September 11, if we are to live together in this world. These sounds of Arabic music are powerful, irresistible and funky rock/traditional, and they deserve a place among the best of contemporary music. An excellent album.

### AFRICAN TRAVELS

by various artists

Six Degrees, USA, 2001 (68mins)

Distributors: **Australia**—MRA, tel (07) 3849 6020; **UK**—Pinnacle Imports, tel 01689 870622; **USA**—Six Degrees Records, tel 415 626 6334.

The Six Degrees Travel series focuses here on original works from a number of leading African musicians mixed with electronica, dance and tribal rhythms. It features the work of Issa Bagayogo on Malian kamalé n'goni (three-stringed guitar), Muhamadou Salieu Suso on Gambian kora, Neba Solo on the balafon (Malian xylophone), South African drummer Mabi Gabriel Thobejane, plus many more in nine varied tracks of mixed African beat. Some are up to 11 minutes long, and make for a very satisfying tribal dance collection.

### FLAMING STAR

by Sally Oldfield

New World Music, UK, 2001 (49mins)

Distributors: **Aust**—New World Music, tel (02) 9565 4522; **UK**—New World Music, tel 01986 781682; **USA**—New World Music, tel (303) 415 1040, website [www.newworldmusic.com](http://www.newworldmusic.com)

The Oldfield family is well known in the music world, with Mike Oldfield perhaps the most well-known name among them. Sister Sally Oldfield released her first album back in the late 1970s, and this is her 13th solo one. *Flaming Star* shows the power of her voice moving with the deep spiritual lyrics of each song and harmonising with the bass rhythms, percussion and key-

boards. Sally completes this inspirational album with a remarkable remix of her 1980s single success, "Mirrors".

### HALL OF BEGINNINGS

Fantasy Collection Volume One

by Tony O'Connor

Studio Horizon, Aust, 2001 (54 mins)

Distributors: **Aust**—Studio Horizon, tel (07) 5478 5215, website [www.tony-oconnor.com.au](http://www.tony-oconnor.com.au); **UK**—New Life 2000, tel 0144 2251430; **USA**—Studio Horizon North, tel (909) 302 5370

The first of a new album series from Tony O'Connor, *Hall of Beginnings* is a trip into the musical realm of fantasy stories. Transporting us through the world of mythology, Tony tells stories of old, creating moods to stimulate the imagination. He uses flute, acoustic guitar, piano, harp and keyboards on this enchanted trip through the pages of an early history far away and long past, in the time before men ruled the lands, back to the time of the great Castle in the North. A fascinating musical journey.

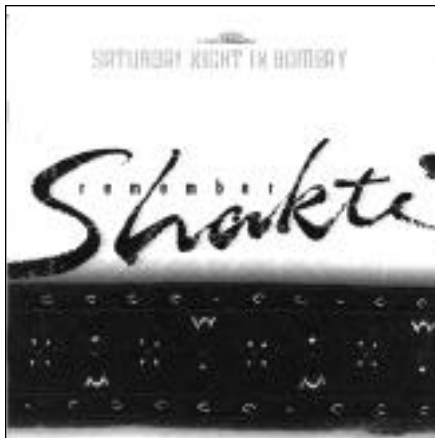
### SATURDAY NIGHT IN BOMBAY

by Remember Shakti

Universal Music, France, 2001 (62mins)

Distributors: **Aust/NZ/UK/Europe/USA**—Universal Music, website [www.universalmusic.com](http://www.universalmusic.com)

John McLaughlin and Zakir Hussain of Remember Shakti are back with a new live album of Indian/Western fusion music. We reviewed their earlier albums (NEXUS 8/02, 6/05), and this new one was recorded in Bombay. They are joined by a veritable feast of Indian musicians, among them U. Shrinivas on mandolin, Roshan Ali on dholak, Debashish Bhattacharya on Hindustani slide guitar and Shankar Mahadevan on vocals. This is exciting, creative international music at its best, delirious and wild and at the same time smooth and Eastern silky. Outstanding! A collector's number!









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introduction of civil assets forfeiture laws. Both parties evidently believe that infringing on civil rights has become a necessary weapon in the fight against crime, the war on drugs and the bid to combat terrorism.

For now, politicians and the compliant media will tell us that these laws will only be used to crack down on drug dealers, criminals and terrorists who are presently slipping through the cracks. However, the American experience quite clearly demonstrates that draconian enforcement methods do not work. If they did, American streets would not now be awash with more and better illegal drugs, at lower prices, than ever before.

History shows us that assets confiscation was used to great effect by Nazi Germany, Communist China, the Soviet Union and Pol Pot's Cambodia. These schemes would be another dangerous step down an extremely slippery slope.

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### About the Author:

Susan Bryce is an Australian journalist and author of more than 70 published research articles. Susan publishes the *Australian Freedom & Survival Guide*, which aims to undermine the pervading myths surrounding the corporate consumer culture, globalisation and the New World Order. *AF&SG* encourages public debate and questioning of issues which are fundamental to our future freedom and survival. These issues include genetic engineering, food irradiation and related issues, Big Brother and the international surveillance regime, corporate power and global governance, and self-sufficiency in the 21st century.

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President Ferdinand Marcos, who was at one time Santa Romana's attorney. According to Santa Romana's widow, her husband gave Marcos a limited Power of Attorney for use solely in the Philippines, since he travelled abroad regularly. It seems that Marcos somehow made use of this to gain control over Santa Romana's gold and other assets.

It also appears likely, based on documents in this writer's possession, that considerable quantities of gold once held by Santa Romana were later placed under the control of former CIA covert operator Major-General Edward Lansdale. However, these assets were lodged with the Union Bank of Switzerland. Again, it is worthy of note that they were placed in Ed Lansdale's name, not in the name of a US Government agency. These assets are very clearly off the books.

Large quantities of gold held by Citibank remained in the account names of Severino Garcia Sta. Romana and José Antonio Diaz de la Paz (the latter being a well-known alias for Santa Romana) under reference codes "Fenster King Fisher" and "Burgst

Harbor King" respectively.<sup>3</sup> These have been the subject of a legal wrangle between Santa Romana's heirs and Citibank's John Reed.

The fact that the gold held by Citibank and others may not have been in the name of the Central Intelligence Agency or the Federal Reserve—but, rather, was in Santa Romana's name—may have been all Citibank needed to wriggle out of a poorly crafted question.

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### Endnotes

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### About the Author:

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on the basis of the coherence of biophotons to perceive his client embedded in the web of a coherent field and treat the client spatially, as this approach includes all inner coherent processes as well as the environment of the client and information obtained from the field of aether. Further research concentrating on space and coherence is vital.

The above explanations clearly prove that colour therapy is a holistic method which promotes all life-supporting processes and encompasses all the processes of life. These outlines of colour therapy are based on the most recent scientific findings, but also come from ancient knowledge and wisdom.

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